

# Curriculum Matters

## Year 1 Autumn 1

Our theme this half term is 'Animals including humans' Our learning includes:

- How we are the same and how we are different to other animals.
- The difference between a carnivore and herbivore.
- Identifying the five senses.
- Classification of animals with backbones (vertebrates).
- Drawing a self portrait.



You can help your child at home by naming different fruits and vegetables and talking about a balanced diet. If appropriate, you might discuss how to care for pets. You could talk about different animals and what they eat. A visit to the local library will show your child that books are for pleasure and for finding out information!



## ENGLISH

In English we will be reading and exploring stories with familiar settings. This will include stories which are set in homes, schools, parks etc. We will be reading stories such as 'The tiger who came to tea' and 'This is the bear'. We will also be reading and writing instructions.

Our English objectives this half term are:

- To leave spaces between words.
- To punctuate sentences using a capital letter and a full stop.
- To use a capital letter for days of the week.

## Maths



This half term we will be focussing on the following areas:

- Practising counting reliably up to 10 forwards and backwards.
- Sorting and counting objects.
- Compare numbers and find one more and one less and understand equal to.

In music children will be:



- Learning how to use our voice and doing vocal warm ups.
- Looking at pitch, tone and tempo.
- Listening to Disney songs.

### ICT



Our ICT this half term is to learn the basic computer skills that we need in order to be able to use a desktop or laptop computer. We will then practise clicking skills and how to drag objects.



### R.E.

The children will be learning about belonging to a family, a club or a school. You could encourage your child to join Beavers or Rainbows to develop a sense of community.

### PSHE

This half term our Jigsaw focus is Being me in my world. We will be thinking about belonging in our class and understanding choices and consequences.

### Finally...



Reading books will be sent home once a week on your child's designated reading day. They will also choose a library book to read at home for pleasure. Please ensure you hear your child read during the week and sign in the blue record book. Homework will be given out in a couple of weeks.

### P.E.

Please ensure that your child comes to school in their PE kit. We will be practising our ball skills and control. We will also be playing ball games using a variety of equipment.

**P.E. day is  
Tuesday.**

This half term we will also have a dance session every Thursday, children will also need to wear their PE kits to school for this session.

