



Key Stage 1 Autumn 2



Literacy

We are going to read the book 'Midnight at the Zoo'. We will design our own zoo and create a poster about it, using adjectives. We will also write facts about different animals. We will write animal riddles and see if people can guess the animals we are describing.

Science

We will be learning about animals as pets, the different types of animals, what animals eat, how to take care of them and their basic needs.

Maths

We will be solving multiplication and division problems. We will be exploring the properties of 2d shapes. We will also be looking at fractions and telling the time.

Geography

We are going to look at the United Kingdom and find Eling. We will look at our local area, identifying things that are natural and things that a human made. We will also create maps of our local area.

This half term our topic is:



Music

The children will continue to play the samba drums. Please look at the calendar dates sent out for the music concert.

PSHE

The children will be learning about how we stay safe, bullying, who can help us and being assertive.

ICT

This half term the children will be learning how to create media including videos and photos. We will also be thinking about self-image and identity online.

PE

The children will develop their agility, balance and coordination skills through a variety of sports. We will have dance lessons around our animal topic theme. We will also play different team games.

RE

We will be enjoying the Christmas season, learning about the Nativity story and traditions that surround this time. Our focus will be on angels.

Art/ Design and Technology

We are going to work on our sketching and sculpture skills creating our own animal sculptures. We will use our DT skills to create Christmas cards with levers / pop-ups.



To **hook** the children into our Amazing Animals topic, the 'Creatures Teachers' will be coming into school! They will be bringing in a variety of real life animals, including reptiles and birds, for the children to touch and hold! We hope this will inspire the children to become animal experts! We are hoping for a £2 donation per family to help towards the cost.



Our **round up** this half term will be a presentation created by the children, about an animal of their choice!

All Things New!



Each class can use the school library on Friday morning. The children will be able to choose a book to read for pleasure at home, to go alongside their phonics reading book which is matched to their reading level. Please remind your child to change their library book every Friday.



We are lucky enough to be having taught dance lessons on a **Wednesday** and PE on a **Friday**. The children can wear their PE kits into school on Wednesday and Friday. Please ensure all items of clothing are named.

Homework



Please encourage your child to read for a few minutes each night and to write a comment in their reading diaries. They will have two phonics books given out on a Thursday linked to the sounds they are learning. Some children have reached **50 reads!**



Remember – Hold a sentence homework will go out on a **Friday** and is due back the following **Friday**. You will receive an email every Friday with all the homework, including Purple Mash activities so give these a try! The email will also say what we are learning in class the following week.