



Welcome back to school! We hope you've had a restful and enjoyable summer holiday. Here is some information you might need for Year One this term. If you have any questions, please come and see us.

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This term we will be focusing our learning around 'Living Beasts'. Key aspects across the curriculum include...

<u>Our main themes: Living Beasts</u>	<u>English units:</u>	<u>Maths topics:</u>
<p>Science-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Humans: identify, name, draw and label the basic parts of the human body and describe the five senses. • Animals: identify, name, describe and compare a variety of common animals. • Plants and trees: identify and name a variety of common wild and garden plants and describe their basic structure. <p>History – children will investigate the lives of significant individuals (Rothschild family, Charles Darwin).</p> <p>Geography – children will explore the local environment and devise a simple map of a known location.</p> <p>Art – children will use a range of materials and artists to create a collage of different types of animals.</p> <p>Computing – children will begin to explore digital texts, creating their own digital content using a range of devices and software.</p>	<p>Stories with predictable phrasing – children will write simple sentences using patterned language, words and phrases taken from familiar stories.</p> <p>Labels, lists and captions – children will write labels and sentences for an in-class exhibition or display.</p> <p>Recount – children will write simple first person recounts based on personal experience, using adverbs of time to aid sequencing.</p> <p>Poetry – children will read, write and perform free verse, reciting familiar poems by heart.</p> <p>Grammar – children will be learning to use capital letters for names of people, places, the days of the week, and the personal pronoun 'I'. Children will leave spaces between words and use full stops in the correct place and begin to use exclamation marks and question marks appropriately.</p> <p>Phonics- we will continue working through the phases with the children at their individual pace.</p>	<p>Number and place value – children will count to and across 100 and recognise place value of tens and ones in teen numbers. They will look at number patterns as well as comparing and estimating amounts.</p> <p>Addition and subtraction – children will begin to memorise through reasoning, addition and subtraction facts for numbers up to at least 10 and <i>begin</i> to use number bonds and related subtraction facts within 20. They will also be problem solving and working through maths investigations using their understanding of numbers to 20.</p> <p>Multiplication and division – children will explore and use doubles of all numbers to 20 and corresponding halves through grouping and sharing.</p> <p>Geometry – children will use positional language and ordinal numbers in practical contexts. They will also be looking at the properties of 2D and 3D shapes.</p>

Our **PE days** are Tuesdays and Fridays. The kit pupils need is: Trainers, track suit trousers, shorts, t-shirts. **Please ensure all belongings are clearly named.**

Home Learning: Will go out on Wednesday for return the following Monday. We also ask that children read daily with an adult.

Other ways to help at home:

- Learning number bonds up to 5/10/20/50/100.
- Spelling days of the week and numbers to 20 in words.
- Phonics practice to Phase 5.
- Handwriting practice.

Reminders and Requests:

Please make sure that children bring in their named indoor and day. Some of our learning will take place outside and therefore Reading books are changed on Mondays and Fridays. Please make you have read with your child.

Family Learning takes places every Friday morning 8:30-9am and you

Please note class assemblies this year will take place on Tuesda

Class assembly dates:

1BA – Tuesday 13th November
1EH – Tuesday 20th November

Church Services:

Harvest Church Service: Friday 12th October
Christmas Carol Service: Thursday 6th December at 6:00pm

Trip / visitors / curriculum days –

To enrich our themed learning this term we are planning a trip to Tring ZSL Museum.

More details to follow.

If any parents could volunteer their time to help with reading, phonics or maths focused activities this term, please speak to your child's class teacher (8.30-9am and 2.30-3.15pm are helpful slots.) We would be extremely grateful. If you wish to help in school regularly you may be asked to complete a DBS check at the school office. Please come to talk to one of us in the first instance about when you may be able to help and we can explain the procedure.