



# Term 4 Curriculum Overview



Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

24<sup>th</sup> February 2017

Welcome back after the February Half Term. I hope you all enjoyed the rest and managed to do lots of reading and phonics practise! The children worked incredibly hard last term and their behaviour was superb. I'm sure it will continue into this term. Our new topic this term is **Paws, Claws and Whiskers**.

## Curriculum Overview

- **English and Phonics** - Read Write Inc.
- **Maths** - Shape and direction, Multiplication and Division, and Fractions.
- **Science** - Animals, their habitats and the food they eat.
- **RE** - Belonging to a Christian Community and Easter. This lesson will be taken by Mrs Finney.
- **Music** - Singing and speaking chants and rhymes. This lesson will be taken by Miss Martin.
- **Topic** (Geography/History/Computing/Art/DT) - Based around our 'animals' topic.
- **PE** - Wednesdays with Miss Lee and Fridays with Coach Richard.

## Reading

This term we are focusing on children beginning to read their book fluently. This means, children should no longer be sounding out every single word in each sentence. Children should be recognising tricky red words (e.g. said, he, I've) by sight and be reading them quickly and confidently. In Phonics, we encourage children to use 'Fred in your Head'. This means that children are sounding the word out in their head quietly, and then confidently saying the word out loud as they read. We would like you to encourage this at home as much as possible. The children's reading is coming along fantastically and we want to keep this up.

## Comprehension

Once your child is reading confidently and with fluency, it is important that the children actually understand what they have read. Asking your child questions throughout the book is very important. Example questions might be: What is the title? Who are the characters in the story? What just happened? What did that person say? How do you think they feel? What do you think might happen next? What clues/words tell you that the child is happy? What punctuation can you find in the book? Which part of the story did you like best?

## General notices

- Thank you for coming to our Class Assembly, the children love showing you their work.
- Phonics Screening Test will take place in **June**. Lots and lots of practise at home please!
- Year 1 Class Twitter page: [@Year1Lea](https://twitter.com/Year1Lea) - Follow us to see what we get up to in class.
- Thank you again for all your efforts at home. Any concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you, Miss Lee ☺