Spring Term 2019

Welcome back to Year One!

Thank you all very much for your very kind gifts and Christmas cards, they were much appreciated. Hard to believe the holidays are over already! I hope you all had a very restful time. We have a very busy term ahead in Penguins class.

Our class assembly will be at the end of this term (March 14th). We’re heading to London Zoo as part of our topic work on Thursday 28th March. World book day (7th March) and Diversity Day (29th March) may require some form of dress up, so be prepared! Also, as it is rather chilly, please ensure your child has their warm PE kit in school for this half term.

All the best for the New Year!

Miss Revell, Mrs Berry and Mrs Rekesius

### Homework

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Please also read to your child daily.

Literacy, spellings and maths homework will be given out on Wednesdays and are due in on Mondays.

Library day is Friday.

### Topic

Our topic this term is *All Creatures Great and Small* and is based mainly on Science and Geography work. We will be looking at parts of the body and comparing human bodies to some animals. We will also explore habitats of animals around the world. The culmination of the topic is our trip to the zoo— which we are already very excited about! We will link our Art work to this topic.

**Literacy**

This half term our Literacy unit will be *Traditional Tales* (or fairy tales). We will look at many tales and find the common features. Our focused story will be the *Billy Goats Gruff*— expect some troll impersonations very shortly! We will also link our DT lessons to this book as the children will be challenged to create a bridge for the Troll in pairs.

We will also do a unit on the book *On the Way Home*, which will include an animal fact file and a retelling using endangered animals of our choice.

We continue to focus on correct pencil grip, letter formation, full stops and capital letters. Those children who are secure on those are looking at adding detail to their writing and varying how they open sentences.

**Numeracy**

Our next focus in maths is numbers within 20. We are aware that the children know their numbers to 20 very well but we are focusing on problem solving and reasoning within these numbers which is much harder than just reciting the numbers. They will be working on quick recall of number bonds, finding one more and one less and writing addition and subtraction number sentences correctly, amongst other elements. Please take opportunities at home to ask your child to solve mental maths addition and subtraction questions, varying the order (e.g. what is 5 + 4? What do you need to add to 5 to make 9? Etc.)

**PE**

In PE we will be doing some outdoor games, concentrating on throwing and catching skills. We will also have an athletics unit and some more gymnastics in the second half term.

**PSHE**

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