



Year 1 Autumn Term

Welcome to year 1. It has been great to see the children back and to see how well they are all settling into their new classes. It has been an unusual start to the new year so we would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents for their support and understanding at this time. Our aim is to make our school a safe and happy place for your children, where they can reach their full potential and we appreciate the help you have given us in trying to achieve this.

Our topic this half term is:

Claws, Paws, Whiskers and Wings!

In this topic we will be learning about different animals. We will enjoy learning about birds, mammals, fish and reptiles. We will look at similarities and differences between animals, their bodies and how to look after pets.

Most of our learning this term will be linked to our topic. Below are the areas that we will cover:

<p><u>English</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writing about ourselves and our family • Key story for the half term - The Fox and the star by Coralie Bickford-Smith • Non fiction booklet - pets and their needs • Poetry • Phonics - revising and learning new sounds • Writing - spacing and layout, letter formation and starting to join letters 	<p><u>Maths</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sorting and counting objects • Counting forwards and backwards • 1 more and 1 less • Comparing numbers and understanding the = sign • Ordering numbers and the number line • Ordinal numbers - 1st, 2nd 3rd etc • Addition and subtraction within 10 	<p><u>Science</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All about me and my body • Identify, name and describe the bodies of: birds, mammals, fish and reptiles. • Comparing animals • Sorting animals • Observing over time (birds) • Needs and care of animals
<p><u>Geography</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Map of school grounds and 3d model • Exploring our school and animals around us <p><u>Art</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussing animal patterns and textures • Using colour, pattern and texture to create • Henri Rousseau and using thick and thin brushes <p><u>ICT</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creating pictures using a painting program. • Using simple tools • Logging on to J2e • Introduction to E safety 	<p><u>PE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moving confidently and safely • Athletics <p><u>PSHE - Being me in my world</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class rules • Self-identity • Being gentle • Rights and responsibilities 	

Reading

- Your child will bring home 2 reading books each week. All classes will bring their reading books home on a Monday. We will collect the books on a Friday to ensure that they are clean for redistribution on Monday. Please also complete your child's reading record and hand that in on a Friday and we will return these to you on a Monday.
- In addition to this the children have access to BugClub where there is a range of books that your child can read with follow up activities and games.

This is a quick reminder how to log on.

www.activelearnprimary.co.uk

Open with Google chrome and allow pop-ups (this is very important).

Login with the following:

Username: enter your child's lgfl login (excluding .314)

Password: bugclub

School code: rk hk



- Not only is it important that children regularly read their books to an adult but it is also incredibly valuable that children spend time listening to stories. It allows children to listen to good quality texts that can extend their language and understanding of different stories and text types.

Computing

- Children will be using J2E in many of their computing lessons. J2E is online software that provides children with the tools to develop their computing knowledge such as how to create word documents, graphics and animations. It would be really useful if the children could regularly use J2E at home so that children can independently log onto their account. Logins and passwords are attached to this letter but please speak to your class teacher if you need this information again or any support in how to access J2E.

Website: <https://www.j2e.com>

Please click on the LGFL link and then log on



PE

- Please remember that this term children need to wear their PE kits to school and that they will be allowed to wear them for the whole day. PE lessons will be outside so children are allowed to wear a tracksuit so they do not get cold. Please make sure that all clothing is labelled. PE lesson will take place on:

Sapphire Class: Friday

Emerald Class: Thursday

Ruby Class: Monday

Diamond Class: Wednesday

Tapestry

- Tapestry will continue to be used in KS1. Teachers will be sharing examples of work and activities that the children have been doing in class. It will also be used to communicate messages to parents. Please sign the Tapestry Online User Agreement to activate your child's account.

Dates

- Week commencing 21st September - Whole School Art project
- Tuesday 20th October - Harvest Assembly

- Parents Consultations - currently we are planning the best way to hold these and will let you know the arrangements as soon as possible.
- Friday 16th October - 'Wear it Pink' Day
- Friday 23rd October - Last day of the school half term

Many thanks,
Year 1 Team