**Information for Parents and Carers**

**Class 1: Autumn Term 1**

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| **“Where do different animals live?”** | | | |
| The focus of this half term’s work is ‘Animals including dinosaurs’. The children will name and sort animals and dinosaurs and learn the key vocabulary of carnivore, herbivore, jungle, forest, extinct, wild and tame. | | | |
| **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**  This term we are focussing on building confidence to try new activities and taking turns and sharing equipment. In our Think Equal sessions, we are beginning to identify and name different emotions and learn about similarities and differences between people.  Think Equal | London | **Communication, Language and Literacy**  Every Monday we will talk about our weekend news.  In Phonics we will be recognising and writing letters of the alphabet and simple words.  We are going to use the story ‘Dear Zoo’ to find out about different types of animals (zoo, wild, pet) and will draw and write labels and simple captions about our favourite animals.  **Dear Zoo: Amazon.co.uk: Campbell, Rod ...** | | **Mathematics**  In Maths we will be learning the basic skills of counting and recognising amounts up to 3 (subitising). We will also recognise and create simple patterns and learn mathematical vocabulary for size, mass and capacity.  Numberblocks | Brands of the World™ | Download vector logos and logotypes |
| **Physical Development**  This term our PE sessions are indoors when we will be working on team building skills (Thursday).  In Forest Fun we are introducing forest games and leaf/ tree identification (Friday).  **Please ensure that your child always has their indoor PE kit and wellies in school as days can change because of poor weather.**  Illustration Pair Kids Entering Maze ... | **Understanding the World**  Throughout our topic work we will be making observations about jungle and forest animals noting similarities and differences. We will also be discovering facts about dinosaurs and learning about different environments such as, jungles and forests.  Zoo Cartoon Images - Free Download on ... | | **Expressive Arts and Design**  Our Art topic focusses on painting and creating a self-portrait. In DT we will be developing our junk modelling skills to make dinosaurs and jungle animals.  Our music topic is called ‘Me!’ which will explore listening to music and learning to sing some Nursery Rhymes.  This term our role play is ‘the jungle’ (indoors) and ‘dinosaur safari’ (outdoors).  Group of funny cartoon dinosaurs in the ... |
| **Ways in which you can help at home**  \* Listening to your child read every night.  \* Play counting games – matching items to number cards.  \* Encourage your child to write their name + other familiar simple words.  \* Talk to your child about what they have done at the weekend ready for ‘News-time’ on Monday mornings. | | **Class 1 Dates for your diary:**  \* 17th Sept – Meet the Teacher in Class 1 at 5pm  \* 19th Sept – Flu vaccinations – more details to follow  \* 23rd Sept 5.00-5.45pm or 24th Sept 9.00-9.45am – Phonics workshop  \* 2nd or 3rd Oct – Grandparents Breakfast at 9.00-10.00am  \* 25th Sept or 17th Oct – Open morning for Reception intake 2026 at 9.15-10.30am  \* Thurs 23rd Oct – Break up for half-term holiday | |