



# Fleet Primary School

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## Year 1 – Topic Letter



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school and Happy New Year. I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable break. This is my favourite term as a teacher. The children are well into routine and although still busy, it always feels more settled without the busy Christmas rush or end of year rush. This term we will continue to have Joanne working with us in the morning and Shami in the afternoons. Rhian will continue to teach Science on a Wednesday afternoon for my planning and preparation time.

Our topic this term is about everything wild.

The aim of the topic is that through looking at high quality texts, the children will be inspired to tell and write their own narratives. The children are well on the way with their writing journey. This term we will continue to build on this and develop their understanding of story structure. They will write stories with a clear beginning, middle, and end, incorporate problems and solutions as well as looking at morals in stories. We will also work on using more interesting vocabulary. Last term the children enjoyed times where we looked at non-fiction text types so they will have the opportunity to do this again through fact files and instructional writing.

Key texts for the topic include;



I also hope that through the beautiful range of books used in the topic, we will continue to grow a love of reading because we know this is such an important tool to support their learning.

In **History**, we will learn about famous authors throughout time. The focus in **Science** is animals. **Art** linked to the topic will include printmaking, landscapes and clay work. In **Design Technology**, we will make bridges, puppets and focus on food technology. In **PHSE**, we will continue to learn about wellbeing as well as healthy eating and teeth. In **Geography**, we will compare the UK to another non-European country, as well as simple field work and maps.

### Reading

Please continue to read to and with your child everyday. Remember they can swap their 'real books' at any point throughout the week. Guided reading books will normally be changed on a Wednesday and sometimes Thursday if something has come up in the week such as a trip or visitor. Please make sure book-bags are at school everyday and do your very best to look after books that are sent home and ensure they are returned. Each book cost around £6.00 and if one goes missing from a set, we are not able to use the book with another group of children. We are unable to send home new books until the old ones are returned.

When reading with your child remember they have had the book with us over three sessions. They have practised the different letter sounds and tricky words in the book. By the time they bring them home to read to you, they should be able to read it fluently. Please celebrate them being able to read it. We know that re-reading familiar texts leads to increased fluency and confidence. The book was not easy for them during their first reads with us at school so please be careful in telling them that it is too easy when they read it to you at home.

In **Maths** we will continue to follow the White Rose programme. We will continue to become secure with addition and subtraction to 20, place value with numbers to 50. For measurement, we will learn about length and height as well as weight and volume.

This term we will continue to have **PE** on Mondays with coach Keely. On Tuesday afternoons this term we will have **Arsenal Football**. The children are very excited about this! Children should wear comfortable clothing and trainers on these day. We will not have Forest School sessions every week this term but rather a few sessions when the learning activity is better suited for being outside.

### Important Dates

**Please put these in your calendar now. Please ask for the sign up sheet if you are able to come with us on any trips.**

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January – Winter Walk on the Heath – 9.00-11.00

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January – Discover Story Centre – 9.00-3.00 - **Packed lunch required**

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February – Maths Open Morning – 9.00-9.45 – Not different date to rest of school

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February – The October Gallery – 9.00-1.30 - **Packed lunch required**

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March – World Book Day

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March – Heath session – 9.00-11.00

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March and Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – Parent Meetings after school

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March - Class Assembly

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> March – Zoo Trip – 9.00-3.00 - **Packed lunch required**

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> March – International Food Evening

### **Help at Home**

- Practise number bonds to 10 and 20.
- Practise counting in 2s, 5s and 10s.
- Helping them to tell the time by knowing o'clock and half past.
- Playing board games and doing jigsaws at home is a great way to extend the children's topic learning, as well as improving maths, strategy, problem solving and coordination skills.
- Encouraging your child to use finger spaces, capital letters and full stops when writing.
- Read, read, read!

Kind regards,

Beth Cleine