

Topic : Animal Kingdom

*Here is an outline of some of the learning activities for the year R/1 class this term.*



**Phonics**

During this term Year 1 children will be focusing on blending and segmenting real and nonsense words. There will be a National Phonics check in June to assess their progress in this area. Over the next few weeks your child will be sent home with sample papers to continue practising at home.



**English Writing**

We will be finding out about our favourite animals and composing our own information booklets. We will look at poetry and write our own poems, representing emotions in colour and describing them through similes.

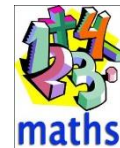
**Grammar focus for Year 1**

1. Use capital letters for the names of people, places, days of the week, etc.
2. Punctuate sentences with a capital letter, full stop, exclamation or question mark.



**Maths**

Take every opportunity to count in steps of 2's, 5's and 10's. Can you count forwards and backwards?  
Can you count from different numbers? Do you notice any patterns?  
We will be learning to find fractions of shapes and numbers:  $\frac{1}{2}$  and  $\frac{1}{4}$ .



**Science**



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We will be classifying animals into different groups and discussing each group's features. We will look at experiments and closely observe mini

**Ways to help your child at home**

Read as often as you can. Encourage your child to sound out unfamiliar words and discuss what has been read. Use [www.phonicsplay.com](http://www.phonicsplay.com) and chose the free games. If you're popping to the shops, ask your child to count out the money. When baking cakes, ask your child to read the measure on the scales.

**Other news**

Our PE days are Tuesdays and Thursdays; please ensure your child has a suitable outdoor and indoor PE kit with their name clearly labelled. Thank you.  
Children's reading books are changed on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Words are heard on a Tuesday and we have our spelling test (Year 1) on a Friday.

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