

# Welcome

Dear Parents and Carers,

Enclosed in this letter is an overview of all the exciting learning your child will be completing this half term.

Our topic for this term is 'Take a Walk on the Wild Side'. The children's learning will be based on the location, animals and weather of Africa.

If you require any further information about your child's learning, please speak to any member of the Year 1 staff.

Yours sincerely,

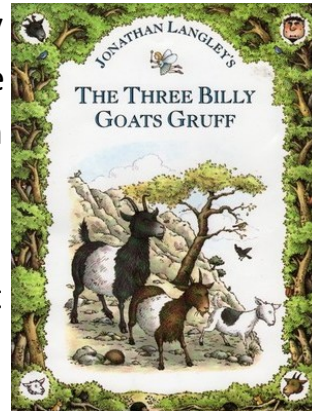
Miss Moczulski, Mrs Brennan and Mr Calugas

Year 1 Staff

## Literacy

Our learning will be based around the text 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff' by Johnathan Langley. The children will read the text and apply their retrieval skills to answer comprehension questions about the story.

The children will recount the story with a focus on using interesting vocabulary. They will also be encouraged to edit and improve their own work.



## Mathematics

During the half term, the children will:

- Count to and across 100, both forwards and backwards.
- Count, read and write numbers in numerals.
- Recognise and know the value of different denominations of coins and notes.
- Solve one-step problems involving multiplication and division, by calculating the answer using concrete objects, pictorial representations and arrays.



## Science

As part of our on-going learning about materials, the children will learn to:

- Identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials.
- Identify and classify the uses of everyday materials.
- Find out how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching.
- Learn about people who have developed new materials.



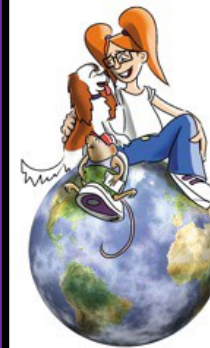
## Creative Curriculum

During our topic, 'Take a Walk on the Wild Side', the children will:

- Locate and name the continents of the world.
- Design traditional African art.
- Research African animals and their habitats.
- Learn about the weather in African countries.



## Personal, Social, Religious and Emotional Development



In Religious Education, the children will be exploring who Christians are and the beliefs they hold.

Throughout Year 1, the children will follow the 'Dot Com' programme. This half term, they will look at feeling special and the experience of new learning.

The children will begin to identify what makes them unique and the abilities they have.

## PE

During PE lessons, the children will be developing their dance skills.

They will perform and replicate simple movements to create a sequence within a group.



## Other Information

### Home Learning

Home Learning will be sent home on Thursday and will be collected in on the following Monday.

### Spellings

Spellings are sent home on Thursday to be learnt in preparation for a test the following Monday.

### Home Reading

Every child has been given a reading book and reading journal. Please encourage your child to read a variety of materials, such as newspapers and magazines. Reading journals and books need to be returned to school at least once a week for monitoring. Children can change their reading books as often as they wish.

### PE

PE lessons will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday. Please ensure that your child has their pumps or trainers in school. The children may wear tracksuit bottoms for outdoor lessons. Earrings must be removed for PE lessons.



# Curriculum Newsletter

## Spring Term 1 2020



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