



Giraffes Year 1 - Spring 2 Curriculum Overview

Welcome to Year 1 with Mrs Wander and Miss Pudwell. Our topic is **Amazing Animals** and we will be learning:

Home learning will be set on Google Classroom weekly.
Thank you for reading regularly with your child.

English

Key texts:

Julia Donaldson focus, including *Monkey Puzzle*.
Poetry: *Now we are Six* by A. A. Milne and *Please do not feed the animals* by Robert Hull.

We will:

- develop reading and writing strategies to explore and create fiction, non-fiction and poetry.
- identify grammatical features of a sentence, including pronouns, plurals and tenses.
- recognise that authors use paragraphs, headings and subheadings to make the content clearer.
- join words or clauses using 'and'.

Physical Education

We will learn how to build skills ready to play invasion games like football and basketball, and learn and think of our own dances

We will change into **P.E. kits** on **Mondays** and **Wednesdays**.

Art

We will use clay to create simple pinch pots and make impressions into it using tools and found objects.

Music

We will listen to the *Carnival of the Animals* as inspiration to create our own structured musical composition.

Phonics

We will:

- Revisit and review prior phonics learning, including all phase 5 graphemes.
- Learn further alternative sounds for known graphemes.
- Know the rule for reading 'soft' c/g in words.

Science

We will:

- Know the animal groups – mammal, bird, fish, amphibian and reptiles.
- Compare, contrast and identify similarities and differences between animals.
- Use terms carnivore, herbivore, omnivore.

PSHE

We will:

- Learn to recognise a wider range of feelings.
- See different ways to handle negative emotions.
- Explore how conflicts with friends can be resolved.
- Think about how our behaviour can affect others.

Computing

We will:

- Use a mouse to drag and drop.
- Use a keyboard to type and learn where the letters can be found on the keyboard.
- Learn key functions, e.g. shift and delete.

Mathematics

We will be working with 'Maths – No Problem!' to develop our depth of understanding, fluency and confidence in mathematics.

- Knowing how addition and subtraction relate and make fact families.
- Recognise and group 3D and 2D shapes.
- Measure and compare length and height.
- Develop our understanding of counting, writing and comparing and finding patterns using numbers to 40.

Religious Education

We will learn about the stories of Easter in the Bible. We will recognise the concept of new life in the season of Spring and relate to this our understanding that Christians believe Jesus rose again, giving people hope of a new life. We will recognise symbols of Easter and discuss how the stories make us feel.

Our value this term is **Forgiveness**.

Geography

We will continue to observe seasonal change throughout Spring and compare the weather and temperatures.