



Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter  
Spring 2 2018  
**Carnival of the Animals**

Dear Parents/Carers,

I can't believe it's half term already. The Year 1 children have worked so hard this term and have shown all of their teachers just how amazing they are at learning.

### Overview of themes for the year

Spring 2- Carnival of the Animals

Summer 1 – All Around Town

Summer 2 – The Great Outdoors



### Trips and Visitors for the year

**Spring 2-** We will be preparing for our very own Carnival and have arranged a Samba workshop as a Marvellous Middle. We are able to part-fund this so will just be asking for a contribution of £4 per child.

**Summer 1** - We will be going on a walk to explore the local area.

**Summer 2** – We are hoping to go on a visit to Burghley Sculpture Gardens. The cost of this visit should be approximately £15.

### Carnival of the Animals

Spring 2 is based upon The Carnival of the Animals by composer Saint-Saens. The children will look at animals from different habitats around the world; jungle, desert and grasslands. There will be lots of art and music across the theme. As part of our science we will continue to explore the environment around our local area. For our WOW days we will be exploring the jungle and the animals that live there and for our Fab Finale we will be holding our very own Carnival. We will also be using the music by Saint-Saens to inspire our learning. Children will have a chance to develop their Samba skills and will be able to showcase these to parents at the end of our Marvellous Middle. We are waiting for final confirmation from the workshop company but hope this will be on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March – watch out for confirmation after half term.

### English

In English we will be writing our own meeting tale using The Tiger who came to Tea as our class text. We will also be looking at rhyming couplets and creating our own poems and performing them to the class. Within writing we will be focusing explanation texts and sharing other great books over the term.



## **Reading**

We will be listening to the children read at least twice a week in school, as well as during Read, Write Inc. lessons.

Please listen to your child read as often as possible and make a note of it in their reading record book. Those children who read will receive a raffle ticket each day that they read.

## **Maths**

In maths we will be continuing to develop our knowledge of place value to 50 and we will be exploring multiples of 2, 5 and 10. We will be using all our skills to explain our answers and problem solve. It would be great if you could support your children by practising counting in 2s, 5s and 10s at home. We will also be concentrating on developing our knowledge of measures, focusing on measuring length and height, weight and volume.

## **Key Dates: - Please see attached sheet**

Thank you for your support. Have a great half term break - we look forward to hearing all about it on your return. Make sure you recharge those batteries and we will see you for Spring 2!

Miss King

Miss Catling

Year 1 team