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PRESTON HEDGE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

PHASE 1 NEWSLETTER

Friday 3rd May

WELCOME FROM MRS CHAPMAN

Welcome back, I can't quite believe we have arrived at summer term, where has the time gone?! After some lovely warm weather this week it finally feels like spring is here and summer is just around the corner. The children have settled quickly back into their school routines and are busy with their learning. Reception children are enjoying their new topic and Y1 are busy preparing for their class assembly later in the term. Key dates can be found towards the end of the newsletter.

As always, if you have any queries or concerns, please feel free to come and speak to me. I am always at my classroom door in the mornings/afterschool, and I will also be at the school gates every Tuesday from 3.10pm.

RECEPTION



INTO THE WILD



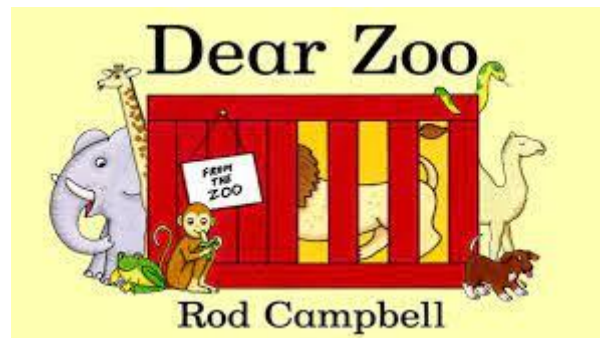
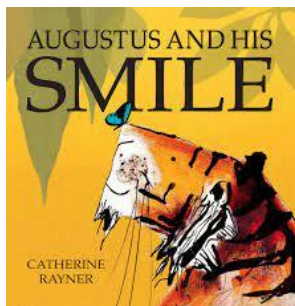
We are ROARING our way into our topic 'Into the Wild'. The children have had super fun exploring all things, Safari. We have created textured animal prints in the art area, investigate different wild animal habitats and even been on a spring bug hunt! We have also had a very special delivery of our very own class caterpillars! We cannot wait to watch their life cycle over the next few weeks.

MATHS

In Maths this term we will be focusing on a deeper understanding of numbers to 20, learn how to solve problems including halving and sharing and make comparisons between objects relating to capacity and weight.

LITERACY

Literacy this term is linked to the stories 'Dear Zoo' and 'Augustus and his smile'. The children will be using adjectives to describe wild animals, write key events to retell a story and begin to use and understand narrative language.



PE

In PE this term we will be focusing on learning how to differentiate ways to manoeuvre objects, link simple balance, jump and travel actions and learn and refine a variety of shapes, jumps, balances and rolls.

RPSHE

In RPSHE this term the children will understand the how we make friends and how to be a good friend, learn all about the importance of road safety and understand why it is important to wash and brush our teeth.

EXPRESSIVE ARTS AND DESIGN

Music

During our topic 'Into the Wild' the children will learn to copy back and clap the rhythm of words, find the pulse in different ways and show this through actions and be able to add actions, or substitute words in a song. We will also be learning the words and actions to a jungle song!

Art/DT

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UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD

Science

In Science we will look closely at plants! They will begin to know the names of different plants and name some of the key parts.

History

In History the children will begin to talk about the lives of people around them and their roles in society. We will look closely at occupations that link to animals. They will talk about the significant events in their own experience and use effective communication and language skills to share ideas.

Geography

The children will understand where some wild animals come from and link them to the different habitats around the world.

RE

This term during our RE sessions the children will learn how to link similarities and differences between different religions and cultures by reflecting on previous religious celebrations.

ANIMAL VISIT

During this term we will also be having an exciting visit from some real life wild animals thanks to Lion Learners! The children will all have a chance to get up close to some animals including spiders, snakes and giant millipedes!



CELEBRATION DAY

We will be finishing our topic with an 'Into the Wild' celebration day where we will be making safari binoculars to go on a safari hunt around the school, making jungle smoothies and perform our jungle song to our friends in Year 1!



YEAR ONE



LITERACY



During our literacy sessions this half term, the children are continuing our creative writing unit using a video stimulus. The children will be creating and writing their own stories focusing on including a variety of sentence starters, conjunctions, adjectives, verbs and expanded noun phrases to produce some fantastic descriptive sentences. Our next non-fiction unit will be diary writing, the children will be introduced to tenses for the first time and will be shown how to write in the 1st person. If you would like to encourage your child to keep a diary at home over the next few weeks we would love to share these in school.

MATHS

This half term, we are revisiting number and calculations. The children are now learning to solve addition and subtraction problems on a number line, using their knowledge of 10 more and 10 less than a given number if adding or subtracting two 2-digit numbers. We will also be looking at missing number problems, calculations involving word problems and fractions of a number. We will be continuing our mental maths sessions each day. You can support your child at home by practising counting forwards and backwards to 100, remembering their number bonds to 10/20 or counting in multiples of 2s, 10s, and 5s. If you would like any support with this, please speak to your child's class teacher.

CURRICULUM

Geography

This term our topic is 'Poles Apart' which looks at the causes and effects of climate change, what we can do to help look after our world and to explore different renewable energy resources.

Science

We have begun our new unit this half term on plants. We have been out exploring the school grounds searching for signs for spring and learning the differences between garden and wild. The children are also eagerly watching the progress of the sunflower seeds we planted back in week 1.



Art

In this terms art unit, the children are continuing to develop their understanding of sculpture and build their making skills. We are exploring how to transform materials into sculpture, moving from mark making to balance and structure. For the final piece the children will explore balance to finally created an individual bird.



RE

This half term in RE we are focusing on religious and moral stories from the bible. The children have enjoyed reading the creation story and drawing their own picture book versions.

PE

In PE this term, we are busy learning a dance that we will be performing as part of our class assembly. We are also doing some athletics, learning how to throw and catch, move our bodies safely and working well in a team.

YEAR ONE CLASS ASSEMBLY

We are incredibly excited to invite you all to come and watch your child perform in our class assembly based on our Eco-Science topic called Poles Apart. Each class has their own performance time:

1C – Friday 10th May, 9am

1K – Friday 10th May, 10am

We are kindly asking the children to wear a simple costume of a (plain/unbranded) black t-shirt with black leggings/trousers. Please bring this into school on Tuesday 7th May in a named plastic bag ready for our dress rehearsals.

A POLITE REMINDER

A polite reminder to all of our parents and carers that whilst we know they look very inviting, the EYFS outdoor learning areas and equipment, are not to be used by the children before or after school for safety reasons and insurance purposes. We would also hate for anyone to be injured and any further damages.



THE BIG OUTDOORS

Monday – 1K

Tuesday – RP

Wednesday – 1C

Thursday – RS

We do take the children out in all weathers so please ensure your child has their wellies and puddle suit in school on their day.

KEY DATES

Year 1 Class Assembly – Friday 10th May

Reception Celebration Day – Thursday 16th May

Year 1 Multiskills Festival – Wednesday 22nd May

Year 1 Celebration Day – Tuesday 21st May

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEKEND!

Mrs Chapman