



Reception/Year 1 Termly Newsletter

Summer 2 – 2021

Starts Monday 14th June- Ends 22nd July 2021

Day starts: 8.45am until 2.45pm



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to term of the academic year! We hope you all enjoyed the gorgeous weather.

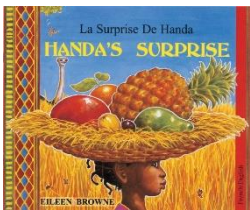
Our Topic – 'Paws, claws and whiskers.'



This half term, we will be extending last term's topic even more by studying a wider range of animals! From

pets at home to animals in the zoo, let's find out what animals like to eat and where they like to sleep. Do you know how to look after a rabbit? A cat? Or even a snake?

Key stories to support our topic:



Handa's surprise; 'The Owl and the Pussycat' and Dear Zoo.

Important Reminders

Reading at home



By now, most children in our Reception and Year 1 class are starting to read and write, and we all have to celebrate this success. It is our duty to continue to support the children both in school and at home to ensure they continue to make progress. The ability to read is vital, it helps children to build their self-confidence and motivates them to set high expectations for life.



Please take the time to share a book with your children **every day**. Read to and listen to them read the books they have in their book-bags or the ones set as homework on **Oxford Owl**. Don't forget to write your comments, in the **yellow** reading record.

Homework

Read, read, read! In addition, this term you will help your child to investigate more about our animals' topic. This homework must be brought on Fridays to show friends and to be displayed in the classroom. Pick one of these challenges to share each week:

- Ⓢ Write a list of nursery rhymes you know which have animals.
- Ⓢ Visit local library and see how many books about animals you can find. Bring your favourite animal book to school and be prepared to tell why you have chosen that one.
- Ⓢ Make a mini-booklet- about your favourite animal. This booklet could have drawings or photos of the chosen animals. Then, use your phonics to write 1, 2 or 3 interesting facts.
- Ⓢ Craft: Make an animal using junk modelling.



Look forward to seeing your projects.

Year 1 Spellings- Children in Year 1 will also take home a weekly spellings practice sheet. Please ensure your children read and write these 5 words daily.

Reception children: Write at home - please invite children to use their phonics to write the shopping lists, birthday cards, label their pictures, draw and labels their favourite animals, etc.

OXFORD OWL - Virtual Library



Just to remind you that all the children should now be accessing their Virtual

Library on Oxford Owl. Reading homework has been set up for every child.

Physical Education (PE) - This term, our PE lessons, will take place on **Mondays** Children will



have to come to school wearing black or navy blue bottoms and a white top.

For safety reasons no jewellery is allowed to be worn other than plain stud earrings.

Welly Wednesday - We will continue with our Afternoon Welly Wednesday sessions starting from this week.



If the weather gets very warm, please send your child wearing old trainers instead of wellies. Thin tops and

bottoms with long sleeves to avoid **nettles** and sunburns.

Resources contribution - Thank so much to the parents who donated additional money to get Rosie a run. We hope you enjoyed looking at the photos as much as the children enjoyed setting up the run for Rosie.



We will continue to ask for a contribution of £1. As you know, this donation is used to provide your child with resources that have to be replaced frequently, for example: **playdough, cooking ingredients, sensory materials like foam, gloop, gel, Welly Wednesday snack, etc.** In addition, this helps with the maintenance of our class pet 'Rosie'.

Pet Day

To introduce this term's topic about animals, we would like to **hold a pet afternoon on Thursday 10th June.** If you have a friendly pet at home and you would like to introduce them to the class, please let a member of staff know so we can arrange a slot. Your help would be much appreciated. The children would be planning some question to ask all the pet owners -visitors. I am sure all children will be very excited to see their friends' pets! Please let us know by Wednesday morning the time and pet you would like bring, so we can make the arrangements and complete a risk assessment.

Dojo and Website

Our aim is to keep in continuous communication with you. To facilitate this, we encourage you to keep your Dojo connected and check the updates regularly. Additionally, we invite you to check our class page on the website to see what we have been up to.



Thank you for your support and have an enjoyable term,

Mrs. Perez (Class Teacher)

Mrs. White (Support Practitioner)



Dates for the diary...

- @ Thursday 10th June - Pet Day
- @ Week commencing 21st June Respect festival week
- @ Thursday 24th June Book day
- @ Week commencing 12th July Parents evening
- @ Friday 9th July Non-Pupil Day
- @ 21st July Sports day