

## **Woodland Birds, Year 1 and 2**

### **Newsletter 1**

**Autumn Term 1, 2018**

**Sparrow, Goldfinch and Robin**

## **Paws, Claws and Whiskers**

**September 2018**



Soft fur, sharp claws and twitching whiskers... What's your favourite animal? One that meows? One that barks? Or maybe one that scurries or slithers? From pets at home to animals in the zoo, let's find out what animals like to eat and where they like to sleep. After all that work, curl up and take a nap... a cat nap!

During topic lessons, the children will be discovering animals that come in all shapes and sizes! We will be sharing information about our pets, studying animal artwork, drawing detailed animal pictures and making collages.

### **Maths**

This half term, we will be focusing mainly on Number and Place Value.

In Year 1, pupils will be consolidating their previous learning in EYFS and securing numbers to 20 and beyond. We will be ordering, counting, sequencing and writing numbers to 20, finding one more/less and confidently adding and subtracting these numbers.

In Year 2, pupils will be working with numbers to 100. We will be working on solving word problems involving addition and subtraction and focusing on money too. Children will be learning to write numbers in words up to 20 and securing their knowledge of place value.

### **Literacy**

This half term will be based around animal related texts for the children to explore. We will be spending time helping the children to settle back into school life and trying to instill a passion and love for writing! All KS1 children will also have daily phonics and reading sessions.

In year 1 (Sparrows), we will be exploring a new text every week. We will then be using our writing skills to create posters, short stories, lists and letters using new language discovered and learnt. Children will have ample opportunities to really pick apart these texts, asking and answering questions as the story is slowly revealed.

In Year 1/2, we will be exploring 'George and the Dragon'. We will be working on using repetition, adjectives, similes and extended noun phrases in our build up to story writing.

## Curriculum foci

**Art and Design:** Exploring colours and creating patterns.

**Geography:** Naming continents and comparing Bletchley to a Non-European location

**Science:** Wild animals; their names, features and basic needs.

**Music:** Exploring African music and rhythms & Harvest Festival singing



## Home Learning

Our main focus for homework this half term will be to **read daily** and learn number bonds. Weekly number bond challenges will be introduced to maths lessons once a week later this term (more information to follow). Homework reminders will go out every Friday.

Please see the table below which details the days on which each class will have their library days and P.E lessons. Please ensure that your child has their indoor and outdoor P.E kit in school all week. P.E kit should include footwear and clothing suitable for indoor and outdoor activities.

	<b>Sparrow</b>	<b>Goldfinch</b>	<b>Robin</b>
<b>P.E</b>	Tuesday and Friday	Monday	Monday and Tuesday
<b>Library</b>	Friday	Wednesday	Thursday

## Key Dates:

**Friday 28th September:** MacMillan Coffee Morning 9:30AM

**Friday 28th September:** FOCH Welcome Back Disco for EYFS and KS1 (5:30PM-6:30PM)- more information to follow.

**Friday 5th October:** Harvest Festival

**Friday 12th October:** Individual School Photos

**Tuesday 16th October:** Parents Evening 5PM-8PM

**Thursday 18th October:** Parents Evening 3:30PM-5PM

**Thursday 25th October:** Last day of half term

Thank you for your support, Woodland Birds Team.