



Spring 1

Take a Walk on the Wild Side



Dear Parents/ Carers,

We would like to say a huge welcome back and a Happy New Year to all of our Year 2 children and adults! We hope you have all had a lovely Christmas break. We are very excited about the new half term and we can't wait to start learning about our great new topics! Please take this opportunity to have a browse at our curriculum overview for the new half term. As always, if you have any questions, please speak to your child's class teacher for more information.

Miss Ward (Birch) and Mrs Fielding (Elm)

In Reading we will be learning how to pronounce sounds in unfamiliar words and develop our fluency. We will also be learning how to ask and answer questions about a text using lots of skills like predicting the plots and finding facts in non-fiction. We will be beginning to infer details about characters from texts in narrative.

In Writing we will be learning how to develop our ability to write stories based on 'Animal Adventures' and we will be looking at stories by Roald Dahl. We will also be writing recounts based on our trip to Blackpool Zoo. Within these topics we will focus on spelling, grammar and punctuation.

In Mathematics we will be focusing on consolidating addition and subtraction through and learning how to multiply and divide simple numbers.

In Science we will be learning about a variety of common animals that are birds, fish, amphibians, reptiles, mammals and invertebrates. We will also identify and name a variety of common animals that are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. We will also notice that animals, including humans, have offspring which grow into adults.

In PSHE we will learn how to demonstrate compassion, empathy and tolerance, what it means to be sensitive to the feelings of others and how to recognise the impact of someone's behaviour can have on others.

In Geography we will learn to understand the geographical similarities and differences of another country through studying the human and physical features of Australia. We will also look at how the lifestyle is different to ours in Australia.

In RE we will be learning about Islam describing some of the teachings and beliefs of believers. We will also look at some important artifacts and festivals.

In PE we will learn how to apply striking a ball and tactics in a simple team game. We will also learn to perform dynamic and expressive travelling actions within dance. We will form a simple dance sequence using different body shapes and movements to express an idea.

Please NB*

- Full school uniform is expected of all children every day. This includes their 'Always' badge. Please see the school website for a full list of uniform or speak to a member of staff if you are unsure.
- P.E Will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday this half term. Please send your child to school with their full kit on these days.
- We expect the children to be reading at home at least 3 times a week! The children who are doing this have shown consistent progress and in most cases have moved up a book band- so thank you!
- 'Boundary Learning Together' projects will be sent out on the first day of the half term and are expected back in for the final week of term. Weekly maths and English will be sent out on a Friday and are expected back in on the Wednesday of the following week.

The children will also be visiting Blackpool Zoo. Thank you for your continued support.

