

Class 1 Home Learning

Week commencing 4th January 2021

Hello everyone

I hope you have all had a peaceful Christmas holidays. Although this is not the start to the new year any of us would have hoped for, I have no doubt that the fantastic children in Class 1 will rise to the challenge. Both Mrs Mitchell and I are really excited by this terms topic, "Amazing Animals". During my visits to school prior to Christmas I was very impressed by the children's interest and engagement with the natural world and over the coming weeks we hope to develop and enrich those interests through a variety of tasks, activities and challenges. Our core text is part of the Little People Big Dreams series of books and covers the life of David Attenborough. The children will learn more about this inspiring and fascinating character, whose life and passions will hopefully provide a springboard for the children's interests and fascinations. I hope by the end of this half term to be able to send a letter to Mr Attenborough which all the children have contributed to.

Along the way we will look at different animals, habitats, participate in the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch and celebrate Chinese New Year.

This topic work will form the basis of our writing stimulus for the half term, alongside daily phonics and maths teaching and activities. I hope to be able to share a daily video of our phonics lessons in school so those children learning remotely have that input and still feel part of school life.

Please keep up reading at home. It is so vitally important. I will share some information and guidance on getting the best out of reading with your child shortly but any reading, comics, books, cereal packets, is of benefit.

I would really like to celebrate all the effort that the children put into their work, both in and outside school so would be very grateful if you could send me something that your child is proud of achieving during the week. If that involves one of the chilli challenges that would be fantastic as a way of motivating the children but also to encourage that sense of satisfaction and achievement derived from meeting a challenge.

So, here we go! As ever, please do not hesitate to get in touch if we can be of any help at all.

Kind Regards

Miss Pearce and Mrs Mitchell