



# Shilton Infant School

## Classes 1 & 4

### Curriculum Newsletter



January—February 2018 Spring Term 1

*Our topic is PAWS, CLAWS AND WHISKERS*

#### English

This term we will continue to focus on using our phonics to help us to read and write new words. We will be learning to read and spell the year 1 common exception words. We will read traditional tales and stories that contain animals, animal poems and rhymes. We will be writing in sentences or short captions about different animals and their features. We will talk about the stories we are reading thinking what could happen next and why things have happened and we will answer questions about what we have read.

#### Maths

This term we will be focusing on counting forwards and backwards, reading and writing numbers beyond 50. We will be adding and solving problems that involve adding skills. We will be learning how to complete missing number sums. We will continue to learn to tell the time and know the names of 3D shapes and their properties.

#### Science

In science we will be learning about the animals. We will look at animals in winter and how seasonal changes affect animals including hibernation. We will learn about farm animals, woodland animals, wild animals and pets.

#### ICT

We will be developing our coding skills using discovery education's coding program we will be consolidating unit 1A and starting unit 1B. This can be accessed from home on a PC, laptop or tablet.

#### RE

In RE we will be learning about the Christian faith and the stories from the bible. We will focus on the stories that Jesus told.

#### D&T

In D&T we will make bird cakes to feed the animals in winter, create our own animal collages and design, make (sew) and evaluate our own animal themed soft toy.

#### PE

This term during PE we will be developing our dance skills in preparation for the festival of dance in March. We will then choreograph our own dances for the festival this year's theme is the beach.

#### Art

In art we will be using watercolour paint and developing techniques to improve our skill with watercolours. We will also continue to improve our drawing skills and learn how to draw animals. We will look at patterns in nature including animal prints.

In music we will be making different rhythms with percussion instruments and singing songs and rhymes about animals.

**Please try to hear your child read their book and learn their words read 3 times a week and write in their reading diary.**

*Have fun!*

*Aim high!*

*Achieve well!*

# *Dates and events in school this half term*

**Don't forget -**