

## Jump Primary School Newsletter - Year 1

Welcome back to another school year! I hope that your child has enjoyed their summer break and is now ready to begin their first year of National Curriculum studies. Please find attached the planning for Autumn 1 2018, our topic this term being "Me and Other Animals." You could support your child's learning by:

- Talking to your child about their body. Discuss the names of different parts of the body. Talk together about our senses and which parts of our body we use to make sense of our world (eyes, ears, nose, mouth, hands).
- Playing a simple "senses" game so your child appreciates the importance of each sense. For example, recognising food whilst blindfolded, or "what is making that sound" guessing games.
- Using a mirror, closely examine your faces together. Talk about the similarities and differences between your faces (e.g. you both have eyes but do you have the same eye colour)?
- Showing your child any photographs you have of grown up family members when they were children and talking about how we grow.
- Looking at books or the internet together to find pictures of animals. Discuss the animal's structure and how it differs from a human (e.g. wings, scales, fur, claws etc).
- Talking together about family pets, including what they need to live. Encouraging your child to help with the feeding and grooming of pets.
- Using the internet and/or reference books to look at different classifications of animals. Look at mammals, reptiles, birds and amphibians. Talk about the differences between them.
- Looking for different animals outdoors. Talking about wild and domestic animals and the differences between them (food, home etc).
- Talking about respecting and caring for animals. Teaching your child to look after other living things.

We hope you find the copy of the planning useful in helping you to support your child's learning. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to approach Mrs Barker. Mrs Barker is available at the end of the school day to answer your queries and concerns or to discuss your child's progress and interests at Jump Primary School.

Miss K Barker

Mrs K Falconer

Class Teacher

Headteacher

- P.E. lessons will take place Wednesday and Thursday morning. Please ensure your child has appropriate kit in school on these days and is not wearing any jewellery (including earrings).
- Homework will be sent out on Monday to be completed and returned to school by the following Monday. Spellings will also be sent out on Monday to be tested the following Monday.
- Blue reading packets will contain your child's individual reading books and home/school reading record. Please record your thoughts as to your child's reading in their records.
- Reading books will be changed every week, the day of change will vary according to when your child has read in school. If your child would like to take home any books from our class library they are welcome to do so, returning them the following week.