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## Class newsletter Spring Term Animal Kingdom Urban Environments Year 4

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Our curriculum theme for the whole school this term is the Animal Kingdom. In year 4, we will be learning about animals in urban environments, both in the UK and around the world.

Our learning of this classification will also coincide with our class book 'Varjak Paw' by SF Said, as well as other fiction and non fiction texts related to animals in the city.

### Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSHCE).

This term we will focus on the Colvestone values. These include charity, openness and equality. We will discuss each value in relation to the school as a community and the wider world in which we live.

### English

**Reading:** In class we will be reading the book 'Varjak Paw' by SF Said. In reading sessions we will be making predictions, summarising key points, investigating language and vocabulary as well as discussing and questioning the books themes and values. We will continue to use our reading comprehension books to familiarise ourselves with a range of genres.

**Writing:** For writing we will be using the topic of Animals in Urban Environments to inspire a variety of different writing styles and genres. We will be focussing on newspaper reports, diary entries, information texts, and writing to persuade.

**Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar:** This term there will be a focus on plurals, person and tense. There will also be a focus on ensuring all sentences are accurate and handwriting is of a high standard.

### Mathematics

**Number:** Children in Year 4, will be continuing to develop our understanding of number and the number system. We will focus on the fundamentals of place value, fractions and decimals. We will also continue to develop both mental and written strategies to add, subtract, multiply and divide.

**Shape, Space and Measure:** This term we will be further investigating measurement and comparison of lengths and weights, perimeter, money and time. We will also be learning about position, direction and plotting co-ordinates to create shapes.

## Science and Geography:

This term our curriculum is the Life Processes and Animal classification. In Year 4 we will be looking at Urban Environments focusing on the following aspects;

- Identifying animals that are found in towns and cities in the UK and around the world.
- Comparing and contrasting different species of animal and how they have adapted to survive within Urban Environments.
- Explore how we can differentiate between living and non-living things.
- Understand lifecycles of different species from both the UK and the world.
- Compare the differences between Urban eEnvironments around the world.
- Using scientific language and classification keys to explain and describe animals from urban environments.
- Categorise and classify species by their features, diet and appearance.



## Religious Education (RE)

This term we will continue to develop our understanding of religion, cultures and heritages. We will be exploring Islam and Christianity, identifying the values and beliefs core to the religions and how they are reflected within the community.

## Physical Education (PE)

As part of the curriculum this term we will be continuing to develop our swimming techniques and water skills. We will be practicing and applying a variety of different strokes to further develop our growing confidence in the water. We will also practice our flexibility and range of movement through dance.

## Creative Development

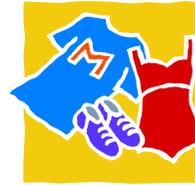
This term we will be developing our artistic and musical knowledge through learning about different artistic techniques. We will focus on a technique every week and be able to use the techniques we have learned to produce a piece of artwork. We will learn how to listen to music appreciatively and develop our understanding of the process of improvisation and composition. In Coding we will be producing a short animation using scratch based on the class novel 'Varjak Paw'.



## Reminders

### Swimming

Children have swimming lessons every **Tuesday morning**. Please ensure your child brings appropriate kit that includes a swimming costume/trunks, towel and hat.



I will be out of class on a Monday for CPD and NQT time. Miss George will cover my class in the morning and the children will have music, coding and mandarin in the afternoons.

### Homework and spellings

Both homework and spellings are given out each **Friday** and homework books are to be returned by the following **Wednesday**.

**Please ensure your child returns their book each week with all homework completed and presented clearly.**



### Reading

It is important your child continues to read every day at home for at least 15 minutes. Please make time to listen to your child read and ask questions about their current book.



### Punctuality

It is important that your child is punctual and arrives at school for 9am. This to ensure your child has the best possible start to their learning each day and they are focused on making progress and achieving.

**Thank you in anticipation of your support this term.**