

# Year 1 Curriculum Letter

## Autumn 2024 Weeks 13 and 14

### Paws, Claws and Whiskers

#### Week 13 and 14 **Innovate**

At the 'Innovate' stage, children will apply skills, knowledge and understanding in real-life contexts, solve real or imagined problems using everything they've learnt, get inspired by imaginative and creative opportunities and revisit anything not fully grasped at the 'Develop' stage. You are welcome to continue to share family pet photos with us by emailing them to: [office@beddingtoninfants.org.uk](mailto:office@beddingtoninfants.org.uk)

#### Engage

**Art**  
**Music**  
**DT**



We will be starting our Christmas play rehearsals and focusing on performance art. Each child will be getting a part in the play: The Very Hopeless Camels. Please ask your child which part they will have. We will then be rehearsing as a year group and in smaller groups. In Music we will be practising the songs from the play, please ask your child to sing our songs to you.

In Art, we will be creating our own Christmas wreaths. We will be painting with our hands and then discussing our art.



In D.T. we will be creating a gift that your child will be bringing home for you (it will be a surprise!). We will be discussing the design process and reminding the children that products that we design and create serve a purpose.

#### English



This week we will be writing our animal poem based on the book walking through the jungle. Our focus will be on **nouns**, **verbs** and **adjectives**. Some vocabulary you might want to practise at home: *walking, through, jungle, what, do, think*.

In the final weeks of term, the children will be using all the knowledge they have learned about animals to write their own non-fiction books. First they will create a plan by drawing and labelling the animals that they will be writing about. They will then draw and label the animals' habitat. We will encourage the children to use adjectives in their writing, for example: *sharp claws*. When the children begin writing their nonfiction animal books we will focus on capital letters, writing on the line and using full stops to demarcate sentences.



Please remember to read with your child each night and record the name of the book in your child's blue communication book.

#### Maths



Next week we will be exploring time and focusing on o'clock and half past. We will be learning how to make these times on our clocks and learning how to draw the hands of a clock to show different times. The following week we will be consolidating all that we have learnt so far this term. This will cover money, shape and time. With money, the children will be recognising and labelling coins. When we cover 2D and 3D shapes we will be exploring them by recognising, naming and discussing their properties.





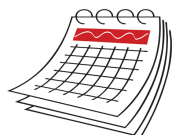



#### Physical Education



Over the next two weeks our P.E focus will be developing cardio fitness. We will complete regular exercises to develop stamina.



<p><b>Religious Education</b></p> 	 <p>Over the next two weeks R.E. will be linked to English where we will be learning about and writing the nativity story and discussing why it is important to Christians. We will learn about the main characters in the Christmas story and why they are important figures in Christian history.</p>
<p><b>Relationship and Health Education (R.H.E)</b></p> 	<p>In R.H.E. we will be talking about performance and what confidence means. We will talk about speaking and singing with loud, clear voices. We will also be talking about what rehearsing for a performance entails and why all children need to listen and show respect for others while they are practising their part.</p>
<p><b>Wanted!</b></p> 	<p>Please make sure all hats, scarves, gloves, coats and jumpers are named. Please make sure your child has a transparent, named water bottle at school every day.</p>
<p><b>Dates for the term</b></p> 	<p><b>-Friday 6th December:</b> School Christmas lunch and parties</p> <p><b>-Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December:</b> Year 1 Christmas production at 14:00 <b>-Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December:</b> Year 1 Christmas production at 9:30am</p> <p>-Year 1 will be sing <b>Christmas Carols at Bridge House Care Home:</b> <b>Wednesday 18th December:</b> Elephants and half Zebras <b>Thursday 19th December:</b> Giraffes and half Zebras</p> <p><b>-Friday 20th December:</b> Last day of Autumn Term. School will finish at 13:30. Carol Service in St Mary's Church at 10am.</p>
<h1>Learning at home</h1> <p>Below are optional additional activities for you to complete throughout this half term.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● We hope you enjoy completing the home learning activities</li> <li>● Regular reading at home is vital to sustain progress and liaising with staff through the Home/School contact book is invaluable to your child. Children are encouraged to read each night and change the reading book each morning.</li> <li>● Share the online Phonic Bug books with your child. (<a href="https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk/login">https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk/login</a>)</li> </ul> 	

Thank you,  
The Year 1 Team