Topic overview for Year 1

Topic Title: Paws, Claws and Roars

To engage the children, we will:

- Visit London Zoo to see a range of different animals
- Set up a role play area with the children to explore the topic

What the children will **know** by the end of the topic:

- That there are/were different types of animals/dinosaurs
- That dinosaurs and animals live/lived in different places in the world
- That dinosaurs lived a long time ago
- That dinosaurs died out and became extinct
- That we can use information books to find out about the past

What the children will learn to **do** during the topic:

- Identify and classify dinosaurs and other animals by using different criteria
- Identify a range of countries on a world map
- Order significant events chronologically
- Ask and answer interesting questions about our world, past and present
- Identify the features of an information book and create a class book
- Explore different Art techniques including both drawing and sculpture.

The memorable experience(s) at the end of the topic will be:
To record and present a class film about the topic

As part of our PSHE learning we will be discussing what makes us special! We will be discovering our similarities and differences. As part of the transition from Reception, the children will be learning the expectations and routines of Year 1.
At home, please encourage your child to be independent for example, dressing themselves and remembering their coat, bag and reading books for school.
Please also ensure that ALL clothes are labelled with your child's name.

To support your child's learning with this topic you could:

- Visit the library and/or explore the internet to find out information about dinosaurs and animals
- Visit Crystal Palace park to see the dinosaur statues
- Visit the Horniman museum or the Natural History Museum
- Share story books daily

PE Lessons

1LS - Tues & Thurs

1R – Mon & Weds

Please ensure your child's PE kit is in school for these days