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| <p>Spring Topic</p> <p>Where did the Meerkat go?</p> | <p>We will start 2018 learning about animals. Our big question 'Where did the Meerkat go?' allows the children to research animals and look at where they live, locating hot and cold countries on the world map. Our trip to Chester Zoo will help with this.</p> <p><u>English</u></p> <p>The children will be using what they learn through science to create a report about an animal. They will continue to develop sentences and ensure they can use capital letters and full stops correctly. Over the term we will then read Meerkat Mail and use this to write postcards. The children will continue to develop their handwriting ensuring they can form all the letters correctly.</p> <p>On a Friday, with Mrs Hodgson, the children will be reading traditional tales. They will first read The Enormous Turnip and write their own version of the story.</p> <p><u>Geography</u></p> <p>As geography is our main focus through this topic, the children will develop skills in identifying seasonal and daily weather patterns in the UK. They will recognise the locations of hot and cold areas of the world in relation to the Equator and the North and South Poles. I'm sure the children will thoroughly enjoy discussing holidays they've been on, the weather they experienced and how this impacted upon the activities they did, the clothes they wore and the places they visited. We will organise various animals depending on their habitats and species.</p> |
|  <p><u>Maths</u></p>  | <p>We will begin the term in maths by learning about 2 digit numbers; where are they on a number square, what is 1 more or 1 less than a 2 digit number and what patterns can we see when we write the numbers. We will then recap number bonds, doubling numbers, what different symbols mean and how we can use them in number sentences. The children will then learn to count on when adding a 1 digit number to a 2 digit number. They will also be learning about time.</p> |
|  <p><u>Computing</u></p>  | <p>In computing the children will learn to become collectors. This topic has strong links with our Science and geography topic. The children will learn to create their own sorting presentations for various fish, insects, mammals and birds. The children will learn how to use the internet to find and retrieve photographs of the different animal types.</p> |

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| <p><u>Science</u></p>  | <p>This term we will be looking at animals including humans. We will learn about how we are similar and different to animals. During the term we will learn about how animals move, where they live and what they eat.</p> |
|  <p><u>RE</u></p>  | <p>This half term we are focusing on 'Belonging', the children will discuss how they belong to a family, school, church or any other clubs such as Rainbows, Beavers, gymnastics or swimming.</p> |
|  <p><u>PE</u></p>  | <p>In PE this half term we will focus on Dance . The children will learn how we can balance and link movements together in a sequence.</p> <p><u>PE Kits</u> PE is on a Monday and Tuesday . PE kits should be in school at all times.</p> |
|  <p><u>Creativity</u></p>  | <p><u>Music</u> The children will continue to learn about Vivaldi and using different musical instruments.</p> <p><u>Art</u> During this topic the children will have the opportunity to create their own snow scenes, pictures using hot and cold colours and they will develop their colour mixing skills by creating comparison pictures of hot and cold countries.</p> <p><u>DT</u> We will be tasting fruit and creating our own fruit kebabs. Learning about hygiene when preparing food.</p> |
| <p><u>Other Information</u> Parent helpers are always welcome in Year 1. Please see Miss Syeda if you would like to come in and help.</p> | <p><u>Homework</u> Remember Homework is set weekly and a new half term task has been set. Please read daily with your child at least three times a week and their reading record.</p> |