

# Class 1

*The Bliss Charity School*



## Term 4



Dear parents/carers,

Welcome to our fourth term in Class 1; we hope you had an enjoyable break. We have to admit that all the teachers are especially enthusiastic and excited about our new topic, which is called 'Animal Rescue'.

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## Term 4 Topic: *Animal Rescue*



Each week we will focus on a different class of animal (e.g. mammals, birds, reptiles and amphibians). The children will learn about the different animals in order to care for them correctly in our 'Animal Rescue Centre'. This will link with many areas of the National Curriculum. During our topic we will have a trip to Hamerton Zoo Park and we will have some special animal visitors see us at school throughout the term.

Literacy: The children will be asking and answering questions about different animals and creating fact files. They will also be developing their reading and writing skills based on lots of different animal stories and poetry throughout the term.

Geography: The children will look at how animals are suited to the environments and climates in which they live.

Art: The children will be exploring animal prints and re-creating them using different media. They will also be creating reptile pictures in a pointillism style and taking a look at the artist Kandinsky.

DT: The children will be making bird cakes to hang in our outdoor classroom.

Science: We will be sorting, grouping and classifying animals according to their features. We will also look at classifying them by what they eat (omnivore, carnivore, herbivore).

## Other subjects ...

Mathematics: Place value to 50; measuring length and height; and measuring mass and volume.

Music: The children will follow the *Charanga* unit of work called 'Round and Round'.

RE: The children will be learning about Sikhism.

PE: This term's focus will be on gymnastics, agility and static balance.

## Helping your child at home ...

Reading: All the children will be given two reading books to take home. One will be a Read Write Inc Book Bag book, linked to the phonics they are learning at school. The other, will be a coloured banded book that your child has chosen. Please encourage your child to share their books at home and remind them to change their banded reading book when they need a new one. Adults will change their Read Write Inc. book once a week. Please write in your child's reading record every time they read. Once a week, we will check the record and keep a record of how many times each child has read. If they read 5 times in a week they will move up the 'bookworm' (displayed in the classroom). When they reach the top of the bookworm (10 weeks) they will be awarded with a sticker in the back of their reading records during celebration assembly.

Phonics: A weekly phonics sheet will be sent home on a Thursday focusing on sounds we have looked at that week. This is due back into school on the following Thursday.

Maths: Please continue to check MyMaths every week. New tasks and activities are put up every Friday and due in the following Friday. You will also receive 'counting in' or 'number bond' sheets which the children have completed at school. These can be practiced at home, but there is no expectation for the sheets to be returned to school.

**Please make sure your child's reading book and reading record are kept in their book bag at all times.**

## Class 1 information ...

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March – World Book Day character dress-up day. Please can your child bring in their favourite book to share in class?

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March – Hamerton Zoo Park trip.

PE days are still on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please make sure all children have named kit in school. It may also be worth checking that PE shoes still fit! Please can we also have wellies in school for 'Welly Wednesday'?

We are looking for any donations of small, metal toy cars (matchbox style) and dressable dolls (e.g. Barbie) for our small world/wet play area. If you have any that you wouldn't mind donating then please just pop them in a bag for your child to bring to school. Any help is much appreciated.

Please do not hesitate to come and talk to us if you have any questions.

*Miss Churms and Mrs. Duckmanton*