

# Granby Primary School

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## Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter

### Where the Wild Things Are

### Summer 1



#### English

The children will begin by immersing themselves into a 'Where the Wild Things Are' hook day. Following this, they will learn an adapted version of the story, orally retelling this with actions and expression. The children will become familiar with different features of stories, in particular fantasy stories, to enable them to write their own story at the end of the unit. The children will revise their work on the suffix -ed to read and spell words using taught grapheme phoneme correspondence along with continued practice of using and applying the conjunction 'and' to join two ideas together.

#### Phonics

We will be spending this half term learning phase 5 alternative sounds and revising sounds already learnt in preparation for the phonics screening check that is due to take place in the second half term.

#### Maths

This term pupils will consolidate counting in multiples of twos and tens and build on this by counting in fives. They will learn to identify equal groups and use equipment to solve simple multiplication statements e.g. 3 groups of 2. The children will also use a variety of mathematical equipment to help them solve simple division statements. Towards the end of term, children will become familiar with the fractions one whole, one half and one quarter through the exploration of 2D shapes and small quantities.

#### Science

This term we will focus on animals. Pupils will group animals based on similarities and body parts, giving reasons for their choices. They will begin to use and understand the terms mammals, birds, fish, amphibians and reptiles, identifying the different features of these groups. We will also investigate (pretend) poo to identify if the animal it came from is a herbivore, carnivore or omnivore.



## RE

We will explore ordinary and special items, both non-faith and faith based, and will discover and understand the significance of those items to people and religions.

## Art & Design

The children will use observational skills to draw and paint an elephant thinking carefully about the shapes and sizes to represent this accurately.

## Geography

We will be continuing to learn about the seven continents. Pupils will locate the equator and consider what the weather is like along this imaginary line. We will also learn where hot and cold climates are located on Earth.

## History

The children will learn about the life of Mary Anning, the important work she did discovering dinosaur fossils and consider how this helps us know more about dinosaurs today.

## PE

We will follow the physical unit of Real PE, developing sending and receiving ball skills, and learn to perform a range of movements with control and consistency. This will support our outdoor sessions which develop skills in striking with hands, feet and objects.

## Music

The topics covered will be Seasons and Weather. Pupils will learn to identify changes in pitch, keep a steady beat, perform action songs, explore instrumental sounds, and provide percussion to accompany background music.

## Computing

Over this half term pupils will create their own Ebook which tells a simple story, adding in animations and sound to make it interactive and interesting to read online.

## PSHE

In 'Myself and My Relationships' we will discuss relationships special to us such as family, friends and others who can help. We will consider how friendships can change and what to do when we have friendship problems.

## Important Information

- Children should read to an adult at home for at least ten minutes a night.  
Books and reading records must be brought to school every day.  
Children also need to practise their recognition and spelling of common exception words: these can be found at the front of their reading diary along with the Phase 3 and 5 graphemes from our Year 1 phonics programme of study.
- Homework will be handed out on a Friday and will always relate to something that the children have discussed or worked on during the week. This needs to be returned by the following Wednesday.
- PE in Year 1 is on a **Tuesday**. Please ensure your child comes to school wearing their PE kit. All jewellery must be removed at home before coming to school.
- Children are encouraged to bring water bottles to drink from during the day.
- As the weather warms up, please send your child in with a named sun hat.