



AMAZING ANIMALS

The Heights Primary School

Year One Parent Planner: SUMMER 2 Week 3

Dear Parents/Carers

This term our theme is: **Amazing Animals**

This week we will be:



English	In English we will be editing our Zoo Keepers booklet and writing up our non chronological reports under the headings habitat, diet, appearance and interesting facts. We will be exploring opening and closing statements and thinking about titles, headings and sub headings. We will share our reports with the other Year 1 class so we can discuss what we have found out about our animals and show each other how much we have progressed this year.
Mathematics	In Maths we will be learning and recapping multiplication and division. We will use practical resources, look at arrays and practise word problems.
Topic	We will continue exploring animal habitats and have some hands on sessions looking at different habitats found around the world. In RE we will be learning about Christianity and Judaism and consider the festivals that are important to both these faiths. In PSHE we are starting a new topic called "Changing Me."

P.E: A full PE kit for our outdoor PE lessons contains PE socks, PE t-shirt, PE jumper, PE shorts or joggers and trainers. All kit must be named and brought in every Monday so it is available all week. Please could you also put some spare underwear into your child's PE kit for rare emergencies. We would also be very grateful if children could have a change of socks as they are not able to do PE without them.

PHSE – We will be looking at our changes bodies, how girls and boys bodies differ, how we develop and grow and the changes that we all experience. Please can you speak to your class teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

English: Please can you take time to practise the spelling of Common Exception Words as per the attached list. Here are just a few fun ways to do them at home; chalk, writing on the ground, water writing on a hot day, rainbow writing, searching for them on cereal packets or signs, spotting them in story books and treasure hunts.

Reading – Please ensure that reading books and reading records are brought to school each day so that children can change their books. Please record, in their reading records, when you have heard them read.

You can support your child by encouraging them to read at home every night. Little and often is best. It is important that you ask them lots of questions such as:

What is happening? Talk about what has happened on each page.

What does that word mean? Discuss the meaning of unfamiliar words.

Can you think of a similar word to big? Use a thesaurus to find a synonym e.g. huge.

What do you think will happen next? Why do you think that? Ask children to make predictions and explain their thoughts.

How do you think the characters are feeling? What has made them feel that way? Discuss the character's feelings.

Where is this story set? Have you read another story with the same setting? For example 'We're going on a bear hunt' by Michael Rosen and 'The Gruffalo' by Julia Donaldson are both set in the woods.

Which type of book is this? Fact or fiction? Is this book a story book or a Non-fiction book? How do you know?

Non-Fiction – Tell me a fact you've learnt from this page / book. Discuss the importance and relevance of the glossary, index and contents page.

Ways to encourage reading with your children.

- Be seen – Make sure you are seen reading. Keep books and magazines handy so that you can be seen enjoying reading.
- Make time – Have a special place or a special time when you read together.
- Get out – Go to your local library and find books you loved to read as a child.
- Make it fun – Enjoy reading together. Give characters funny voices.
- Read everything out loud! – Books, poems, newspapers, magazines, food labels... anything!

Thank you,
The Year 1 Team

Common Exception Words - Year 1

the	they	one	a
be	once	do	he
ask	to	me	friend
today	she	school	of
we	put	push	says
pull	are	so	full
were	by	house	was
my	our	is	here
his	there	has	where
I	love	come	you
your	some	said	no
go			