29 October 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you have had a relaxing half term. This half term our topic is called “Who am I?”, with a focus on animals. To support our learning of this topic in November we will be visiting the Arc Animal Centre in Selsdon. Baker Street will be visiting on Wednesday 14 November and Swiss Cottage on Thursday 15 November.

In Maths we will be learning about:
- Subtraction – taking away, introducing the subtraction symbol, counting back and finding the difference.
- 2D and 3D shapes
- Number – Place value within 20.

In literacy we will be reading:
- The Lonely Beast by Chris Judge, sequencing the story and writing speech bubbles for the Beast.
- The Bog Baby by Jeanne Willis, describing the creature and writing down the character's feelings.

We also will be:
- writing about reptiles, mammals and birds as well as using powerful verbs to describe how animals move.
- Studying, reciting and writing our own poems as well as rewriting a familiar Christmas story.

Our IPC Topic is ‘Who am I’ which will have a science focus. The children will be learning:
- What animals and humans need
- How living and non-living things are different
- How humans and animals grow and change
- How to carry out a living things survey
- How to attract wildlife to our environment
- How to sort living things into groups

We are looking forward to lots of new and exciting learning, as well as progressing on the skills we have already gained. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

The Year 1 Team