# Year One Newsletter

# Spring 1 2019

Dear Parents,

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Happy New Year and welcome back to the new term. We would like to begin by saying a huge 'thank you' for the kind gifts and cards given to us before Christmas and we hope everyone has had a good holiday and are ready for the term ahead. Miss Jaques and Mrs Weatherall, our PGCE students, will be working with Year One this half term. It is great to have them back and we are looking forward to the lovely things they have planned for us.

## Big Idea

This half term, we will be working on a new Big Idea which is based around Henri Rousseau's painting *Tiger in a Tropical Storm (Surprised!)*. We will be finding out about different animals and also making our own 3D representations of the painting.

### **English**

This half term, we will be learning about how to write a short narrative to accompany Henri Rousseau's painting as well as gaining more confidence in writing compound sentences.

#### **Maths**

We will be working on addition and subtraction fact families and finding the difference.

#### P.E

This half term we will be working on hockey and tag rugby. Please make sure your child has a full P.E kit at school as we will be working outside and it can get quite cold! Please make sure this includes socks, jumpers and <u>GLOVES</u> (to prevent very cold fingers).

## Home Learning

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We are about to set some new Home Learning challenges, so please make sure all Home Learning books are returned to school as soon as possible so we can add the next set.

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# Reading

Please continue to read regularly at home. The goal is to read at least 4 times in a week (Thursday to Wednesday) and children are rewarded when they achieve this. Please make sure reading records are brought to school every day so that any extra reading can be added and they are available for checking each Thursday.

If you have any questions, please speak to Year one staff.

Best wishes,

Mrs Gage, Miss Coulson and Miss Buczynska