



Kingfishers Class Newsletter, April 2017.

Predators and Prey

Welcome back to the Summer term! This term our new topic is **Predators and Prey** which will give us lots of opportunities to explore the animal kingdom!

In **Literacy** we will be reading the books 'There's a Lion in My Cornflakes' by Michelle Robinson and we will be practising writing in a variety of genres including persuasive writing by composing our own adverts and complaint letters. We will later be reading 'Zoo' by Anthony Browne, which provides wonderful opportunities to study characters and make inferences about the author's meaning and intention.

In **Maths** this term we are learning about measurement of mass, length and capacity. We will also be revisiting 3D shape, place value and recapping the four operations of + - x and ÷.

In **Science** our focus will be animals and how their features and adaptations enable them to survive. We will be learning about the different categories of animal (e.g. birds, mammals, reptiles and amphibians) and what they eat (e.g. whether they are carnivores, omnivores and herbivores). We will also be learning about food chains. Later in the term we will be looking more specifically at animal habitats. In **Computing** we will be learning about the impact of computer viruses and how to use software and applications to create movement and patterns on a screen. We will also be learning about 'debugging' to correct mistakes in programming.

In **Geography** later in the term we will be learning about the main cities and countries that make up the United Kingdom. In **PSHE Money Matters**, discussing spending and saving and how to keep money safe. In **RE** we will be focussing on Judaism. In **Music** we will be exploring pitch and rhythm and how the effects of music can create an atmosphere. We will also be learning about some of the work of Ivor Stravinsky. In **Art** we will be exploring animal camouflage and will be creating our own chameleon. In **PE** we will be practising our bat and ball skills.

Important things to remember

P.E will continue to be on Fridays (Class Teacher) and **Wednesdays** (Mark Potter). Spellings to practise will be sent home on Fridays. Please make sure your child has the following in school each day:

- Full PE kit.
- Spelling book
- Water bottle.

Spellings

As a Federation, we are introducing a new spelling initiative that encourages children to learn their spellings in a creative way. Research shows that the children are learning spellings purely to complete the test. We want our children to apply their spelling knowledge to where it really counts, their writing. Each week, your child will bring home a list of words that they can apply to a 'Spice up Spellings' activity menu. We expect the children to complete one activity per week and for it to be signed and dated by an adult. This will be due back in on Fridays. The tasks can be completed in their spelling books. For more information on this please check the school website.