

# Year 1 - Week Commencing 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018



## Maths

Maths this week will be all about counting and place value.

We will be counting all the time this week, forwards & backwards, up to and across 100.

We will be looking at the value of digits in the tens column and the ones column when counting beyond 20.

Please encourage your child to count as often as possible - make it part of everyday life. Ask them, what's 1 more than, or 1 less than any number.



## English

Our English lessons will be linked to our topic (Penguins, Possums and Pigs) as we are using a lovely book - Lost and Found by Oliver Jeffers - which is all about a lost (or lonely) penguin.

The children will re-read the story, sequence events from the story, watch a fabulous short film of the book and look at the two characters in the book in detail.

As with maths, please ensure your children read on a daily basis - it is hugely important that young children develop a love of reading and books at an early age.

## Theme

We will continue our learning based upon our theme - called 'Penguins, Possums and Pigs' - through science, art and geography. We will be looking at how to classify animals (mammals, birds etc.) as well as locating areas of the world where particular animals live (Australia - Possums & Antarctica - Penguins). The children will also be using different media (charcoal, graphite, paint) to create pictures of penguins - I'll share some of the results on Twitter.

As a special and exciting treat this week, ZOOLAB will be in school on Thursday morning - please see separate letter.

## Extras

By now, your child should have brought a **reading book and reading record** home. Please read with your child and listen to them read regularly. Please sign the reading record book each week and feel free to use this to ask questions about your child's learning. We aim to change your child's reading book at least weekly.

This week, the children will bring home their **Spelling Record Book** which will have this week's word list for the children to learn, along with a 2-sided activity sheet to help them to learn. This sheet does not have to be returned to school, it is intended as an aid to the child's learning.

I will also be setting **weekly maths homework**, which is to be completed online using the ActiveLearn website which we subscribe to - I will send an additional communication about ActiveLearn.

**PE will be on Monday and Friday afternoons** this week - Monday with Mrs. Mackie and Friday with our sports coach, Phil. Please ensure your child has a full P.E. kit in school all the time.