

# Year 1 - Week Commencing 24<sup>th</sup> September 2018



## Maths

Maths this week will focus on measurement and we will be introducing associated vocabulary - for example, long/short, longer/shorter, tall/short, double/half.

We will be exploring who is tallest in class and who is shortest and we will attempt to line up the whole class in height order (which should be fun ☺) - the children will be estimating lengths of everyday objects and measuring their lengths using cubes. Please continue to encourage your child to count as often as possible.



## English

Our English lessons will continue to be based around the book 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers - this week the children will have a go at writing their own version of a story based on Lost and Found. Our story involves an unhappy lion rather than a penguin.

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 more science this week. The children will learn what makes an animal an animal - all have head, body, way of moving and senses. The children will study a number of animals and use their knowledge to design their own animal and give it features of their choosing.

In Geography the children will be using a range of maps, atlases and globes to help identify the location of the equator and to learn that this is where the earth is at its hottest. We will name countries which the equator passes through and compare these to the polar extremes.

## Extras

Again, the children will bring home their **Spelling Record Book** which will have this week's word list for the children to learn, along with an activity sheet to help them to learn. There is space in the Spelling Record Book for them to practise their spellings at home.

This week I will introduce **maths homework** - called '**Toucan Team**', which is to be completed online using the ActiveLearn website which we subscribe to - We will have a practise session in class so the children have the opportunity to become familiar with ActiveLearn as this is a great website which can really help with their learning by making it fun.

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