



Year 1 Newsletter.

June 2021

Dear Parents,

We hope that you and your families have had an enjoyable half term break.

This newsletter will give you information about some of the things that your child will be learning about during this last part of Year 1. We hope that you find it helpful.

Religion

Our topic this half term is 'Discipleship'. This finishes the study of Mark's Gospel this year. At this time every year we learn about one of the special themes of the Gospel author we are focussing on. This year, we focus on what is arguably Mark's dominant theme: discipleship. We will be looking at the Church being the Body of Christ and thinking about the local people who make up Christ's Body in the Church around us.

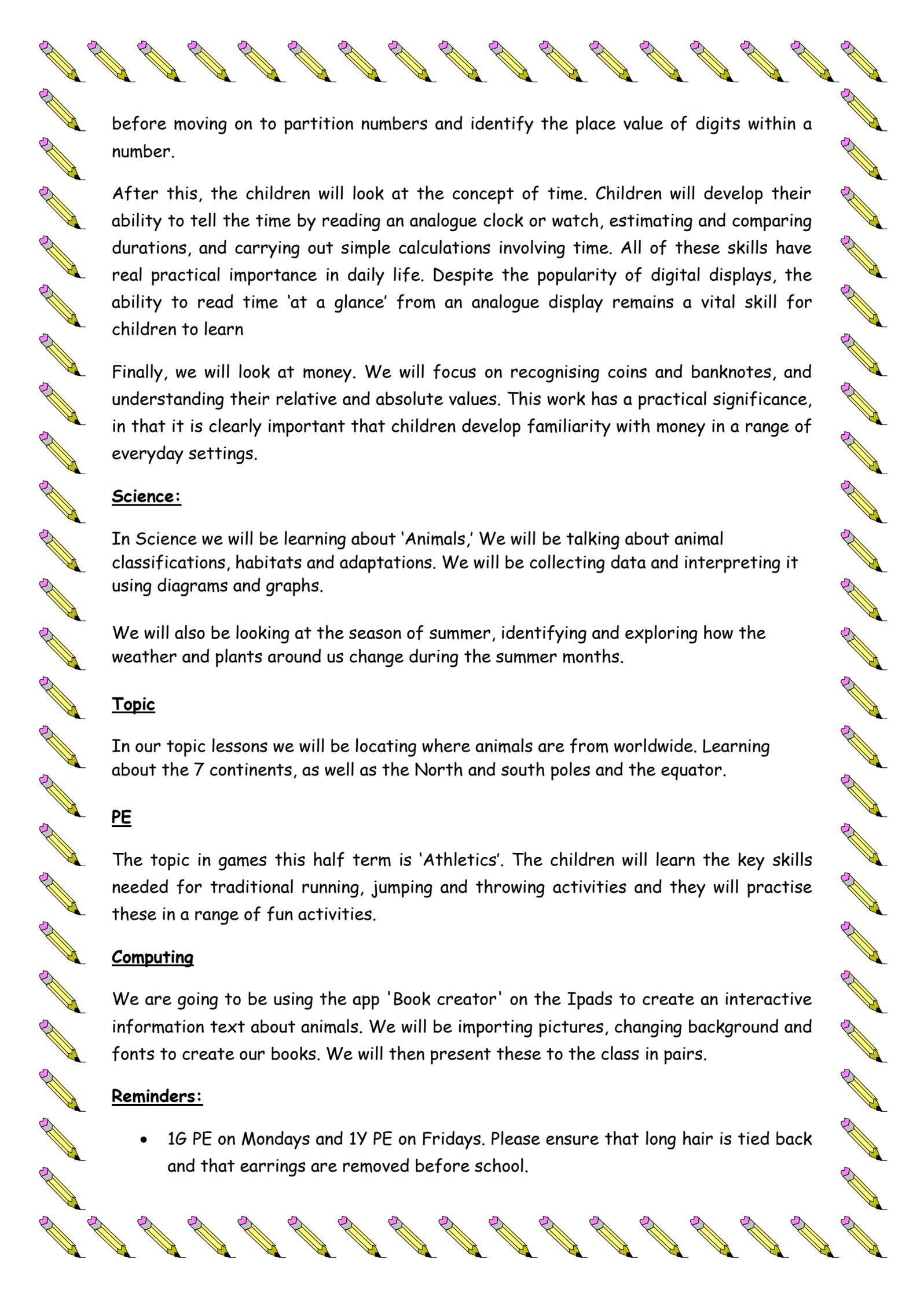
Literacy

This half term we will be looking at the book *Winter's Sleep - a Hibernation Story*, a story that takes the children on a journey from Summer to winter, linking to our animal science topic. We will be continuing to work on developing independent writing, continuing to work on their cursive letter formation and the use of capital letters and full stops in the correct places. We will be teaching the children where information can be found in non-fiction texts, to sustain relevant listening, responding to what they have heard with relevant comments and questions and use vocabulary influenced by books. The children will compose and perform their own poetry as well as use knowledge gained to write own narrative non-fiction text.

Numeracy

This half term we will start by focussing on position and direction. This unit gives a practical application to children's learning from the previous unit on fractions. They will learn to describe rotations as quarter, half, three-quarter and whole turns, and will combine turns with lateral movement to give and follow route instructions. Children will also learn to describe the position of an object in relation to other objects, using the words 'above', 'below', 'left', 'right' and 'between'.

Next, the children will look at numbers up to 100. The children will develop their understanding of, and ability to manipulate, numbers to 100. They will investigate patterns in 2-digit numbers, specifically 1 more and 1 less, and 10 more and 10 less,



before moving on to partition numbers and identify the place value of digits within a number.

After this, the children will look at the concept of time. Children will develop their ability to tell the time by reading an analogue clock or watch, estimating and comparing durations, and carrying out simple calculations involving time. All of these skills have real practical importance in daily life. Despite the popularity of digital displays, the ability to read time 'at a glance' from an analogue display remains a vital skill for children to learn

Finally, we will look at money. We will focus on recognising coins and banknotes, and understanding their relative and absolute values. This work has a practical significance, in that it is clearly important that children develop familiarity with money in a range of everyday settings.

Science:

In Science we will be learning about 'Animals,' We will be talking about animal classifications, habitats and adaptations. We will be collecting data and interpreting it using diagrams and graphs.

We will also be looking at the season of summer, identifying and exploring how the weather and plants around us change during the summer months.

Topic

In our topic lessons we will be locating where animals are from worldwide. Learning about the 7 continents, as well as the North and south poles and the equator.

PE

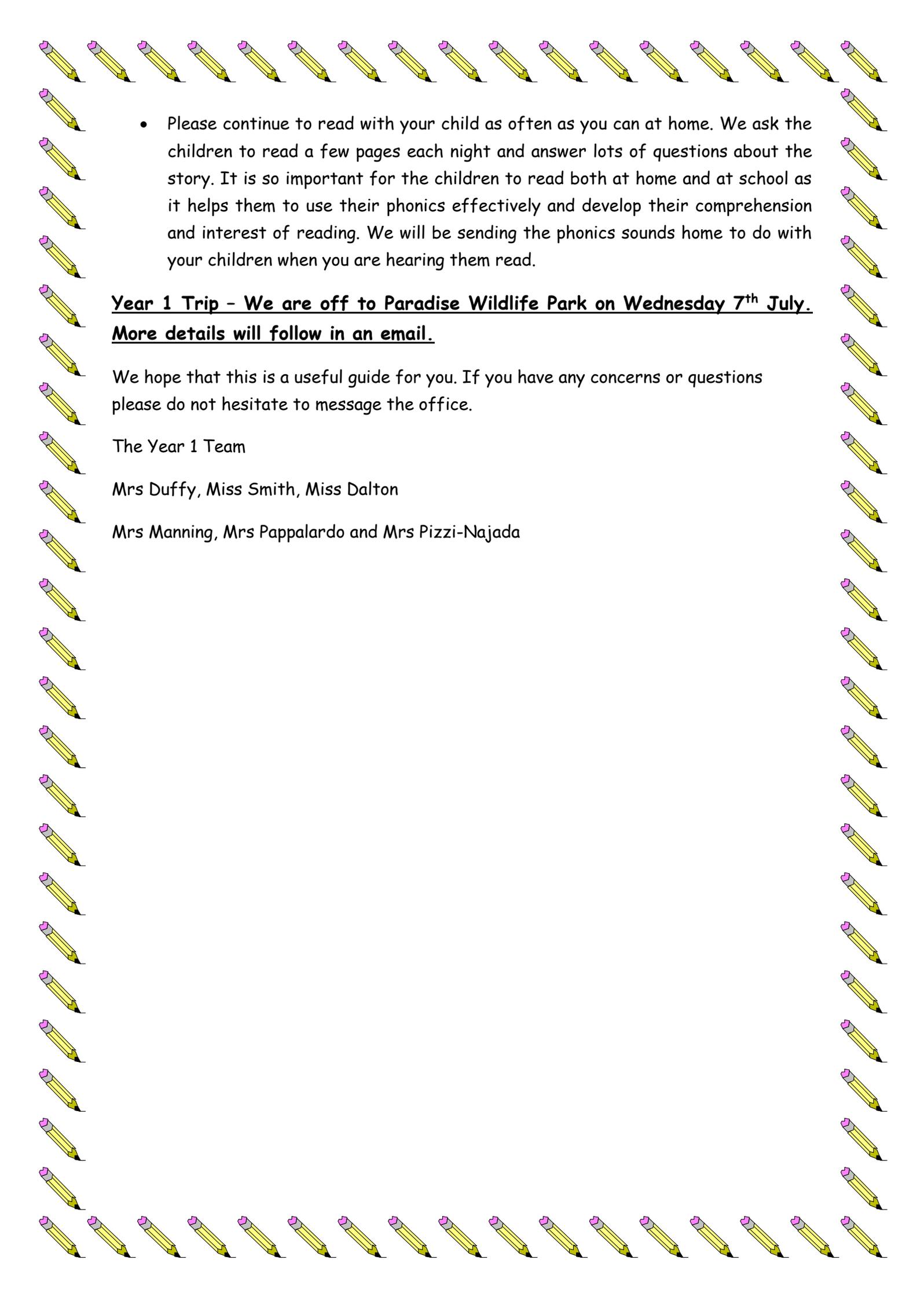
The topic in games this half term is 'Athletics'. The children will learn the key skills needed for traditional running, jumping and throwing activities and they will practise these in a range of fun activities.

Computing

We are going to be using the app 'Book creator' on the Ipads to create an interactive information text about animals. We will be importing pictures, changing background and fonts to create our books. We will then present these to the class in pairs.

Reminders:

- 1G PE on Mondays and 1Y PE on Fridays. Please ensure that long hair is tied back and that earrings are removed before school.

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- Please continue to read with your child as often as you can at home. We ask the children to read a few pages each night and answer lots of questions about the story. It is so important for the children to read both at home and at school as it helps them to use their phonics effectively and develop their comprehension and interest of reading. We will be sending the phonics sounds home to do with your children when you are hearing them read.

Year 1 Trip - We are off to Paradise Wildlife Park on Wednesday 7th July.
More details will follow in an email.

We hope that this is a useful guide for you. If you have any concerns or questions please do not hesitate to message the office.

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