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**Year 1 Nightingale and Seacole Classes
Newsletter: 7th January 2020**

Welcome back after the Christmas break. We hope you had a great rest with your children and we are looking forward to having them back for the new half term.

**Animal Kingdom!**

This half term our topic is ‘Animal Kingdom’. The children will have the chance to learn all about different types of animals and their habitats. We will be exploring our topic across the curriculum, especially focusing on stories about animals in English and learning about the lifecycles of animals in Science. The children will be working hard to design their own perfect habitat for a chosen animal.

**Our learning**

Please look at our class web page to see what will be learning about this half term. There are always pictures and examples of our fantastic work for you to look at, as well as ideas and resources which will help to extend our learning at home.

**Reading**

To continue to support your child’s reading at home, please read with your child every day for five minutes. The children who are reading at home are making the most progress, so it is important to make the time to read with your child. Please check the website for ideas on how to support your children in preparation for the phonics screening. If you have any concerns or questions about the best approach to reading at home, please speak with the class teacher and we will be happy to help.

**Trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park – January 28th**

Linked to our “Animal Kingdom” topic, we will be going on a trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park on **Tuesday January 28th.** The cost of this trip is **£16.50**. Please pay this to the office by **Friday January 24th.**

**You are invited to the Year 1 Zoo Expo!**

On **Thursday February 13th**, we would like you to come and see the incredible work we have been doing around animal habitats. Please join us in the sports hall at **1.30pm.**

**Reminders**

Please ensure that your child comes to school in the correct uniform, which is clearly labelled with their name. This also includes P.E. kit, hair accessories and the correct black school shoes. Due to it being winter, it is also important that your child has a warm coat with them every day.

We look forward to another fantastic first half term with your children!

Miss Byrne and Mrs Moore

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**Diary Dates: New Year 2020**

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| **Date** | **Year Group** | **Time** | **Event** |
| Wednesday 15th January  | Year 5 | p.m. | Mini Police |
| Thursday 16th January  | Year 4 | All day | Visit to Nottingham University  |
| Wednesday 22nd January | Reception | 9.00 am – 10.00 am | Supporting your child’s reading  |
| Years 3 - 6 | p.m. | Road Safety Quiz Competition |
| Tuesday 28th January | Year 1 | day | Trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park |
| Thursday 30th January | Year 5 | p.m. | Sports for girls event |
| Friday 7th February | Reception Boot | 8.55 am – 10.00 am | Family Stay and Play |
| Tuesday 11th February | All | day | National Safer Internet Day |
| Wednesday 12th February | Year 5 | p.m. | Beowulf Campfire for Families |
| Thursday 13th February | Year 1 | p.m. | Zoo expo for Year 1 parents |
| Friday 14th February | Nursery | 8.55 am | Valentine’s Day Family Story & Breakfast |
| Reception Bell | 8.55 am – 10.00 am | Family Stay and Play |
| Years 3 – 6 Select Team  | p.m. | Nottingham High Junior School Cross Country Races |
| All | 3.15 pm | School Closes for half term break |
| Monday 24th February | All | 8.45 | School re-opens |
| Tuesday 3rd March | Year 4 | All day | Trip to Wollaton Hall (The Romans)  |
| Thursday 5th March | All | day | World Book Day |
| Friday 6th March | Year 5 | day | Art and Architecture visit to St Peter’s Church |
| Thursday 12th March | All | day | Sports Relief Charity Day |
| Thursday 19th andFriday 20th March | All | p.m. | Mother’s Day Afternoon Tea |