**Key Stage 1 Newsletter**

**Spring 2014**

Welcome back to school. We hope that you have all had a lovely, relaxing half term. This half term our topic is **‘Amazing Animals**.’ We will start this topic this week with an exciting visit from an owl, a snake, a lizard and a frog. Later in the half term we will arrange a visit from The Purple Pig Mobile Farm Company so the children get the opportunity to observe and handle lambs, piglets, goats, mice, rabbits and guinea pigs. We also hope to visit Flamingo Land zoo and will confirm details of this as soon as possible.

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**NEW - Maths Facts books**

This half term your child will bring home a new Maths Facts book. The children will be given facts that they should learn by heart. The children need to hand their blue book to their teacher every Monday and they will be tested on their facts. If they have learnt them they will receive an owl stamp and a new fact to learn. We would really appreciate your help with this as it will support your child’s progress in maths.

**What will we be learning about?**

* To write non-fiction books and reports about

animals

* To name a range of extinct animals and know why they are no longer alive
* To know which species of animals are endangered
* To name which countries and habitats different animals live in.
* To be able to classify animals (e.g. reptiles, mammals, birds etc)
* To name, describe and compare baby and adult animals.
* To create animal artwork, sing animals songs and create animal dances.

**Dates for the Diary**

6th March – World Book Day. Can you bring a funny poem to school?

10th & 11th March – Parent Interviews

21st March – Sport Relief