



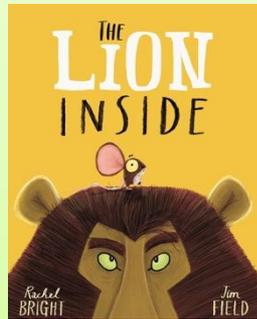
# Year 1

## What is my child learning this half term?

### Literacy

This half term we will be using the story '**The Lion Inside**' by Rachel Bright. This is a lovely story about a shy mouse who wants to be brave like a lion. When he finally meets the lion, he learns that even lions get scared. The story shows that everyone feels fear—and true bravery is facing it.

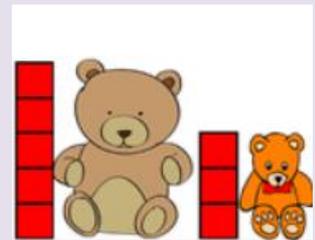
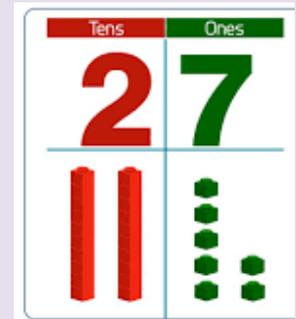
Our grammar focus this half term is looking at different types of sentences and how question marks and exclamation marks are used. Why not look out for these types of sentences when you read with your child at home?



### Maths

This half term the children will continue to explore how numbers can be used in calculations by exploring different ways to subtract and practising their adding and subtracting facts within 10.

They will also think about counting in steps of 2, 5 and 10 and look at 2-digit numbers, exploring how many tens and ones are in each number.



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### Science

Our topic this half term is **Animals**. The children will identify and name a variety of common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals. They will also learn the difference between carnivores (meat-eaters), herbivores (plant-eaters) and omnivores (eats both meat and plants). How many animals can your child name?



- fish
- mammals
- amphibians
- reptiles
- birds
- carnivores
- herbivores
- omnivores

### Areas of Provision

Our Role Play area will be a Safari Vets where the children can 'treat' injured animals. In Small World the children will create habitats for a variety of mammals, reptiles and amphibians including polar, desert and rainforest. They will continue to develop their cutting skills in the creative areas. Please encourage your child to hold scissors correctly when cutting along lines.



## Geography

In our Geography topic we will learn all about **Safari holidays** – learning about how to travel to Africa, what the climate is like, the animals we might see and the similarities and differences between how people live. We will learn some basic orienteering skills and compass directions and consider the best clothes and objects we would need to pack for this type of holiday. We will also explore stories through 'Tinga Tales' and produce some artwork in the style of Edward Tingatinga.

### Key vocabulary

North	Capital City
South	Location
East	Climate
West	Temperature



## PE (Physical Education)

This term there will be a reverse of Term 2a. The children in **1L** will now be doing a **dance** topic called 'Animals in the Jungle'. They will learn to create, rehearse and perform a dance to 'I just can't wait to be King' from Disney's *The Lion King*.

The children in **1K** will now be doing **football**. They will learn how to master basic movements, control and pass a ball, and play a range of football-related activities. This will be outside as often as possible, let's hope the weather will be a bit drier in the next half term!



## RE and Collective Worship

The children will be asked the question '**What do Christians believe God is like?**' and use the Parable of the Lost Son (Luke 15:11-32) to look at the ways in which God is a father who is loving and forgiving. They will learn about how Christians put their beliefs into practice in worship (e.g. by saying sorry to God).



## P\$HE

Our topic this half term is called '**Me and Others**'. The children will learn about what makes themselves and others special and also about roles and responsibilities at home and at school. We will also learn about the importance of cooperating with others and how to resolve conflicts that might arise.



*We really appreciate all your support, especially with reading homework. If you have any questions or concerns, please speak to us or email us [year1@bsl.leeds.sch.uk](mailto:year1@bsl.leeds.sch.uk).*

Thank you, Mrs Kerry and Mr Lucas