



Year 1 News Friday 13th February 2026

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Notice board:

End of Topic Celebration:

Thank you for attending our End of 'Bright Lights, Big City' Topic. The children really enjoyed sharing our poem and creating our moving pictures with you.

Show and Tell: Our new topic 'Paws, Claws and Whiskers' or an achievement.

24th February Tiddlers

3rd March Zog

10th March Highway Rats

17th March Gruffalo

24th Stickman

P.E Kits: These have been sent home. Please wash and return them after half term.

Purple Mash Challenge:

The children have been creating e-books during the last half term using '2create'. Over half term they could create an e-book about an animal. They could add animations and sounds to their e-book as we have learned in class.

Useful websites:

www.topmarks.co.uk

www.purplemash.co.uk

www.numbots.co.uk We have set the children a class challenge. Which class can earn the most cogs over half term?

MATHS

Next half term the children will be looking at equality and balance within 20. They will revisit their prior knowledge of 'Think 10' when regrouping whilst exploring different ways to make the same number. They will also be exploring number bonds to 20 and using stem sentences to support their learning.

English/Topic

The children will be returning to their RWI groups to continue these daily sessions.

Our topic after half term is Paws, Claws and Whiskers. We will begin our topic by thinking about a range of questions that we would ask a zookeeper on our trip. We will also sketch our favourite wild or domestic animal.

Talk Task:

Please can you help your child to pick 2 animals. Can your child think of an adjective to describe their animal and if it would make a good pet? They could also think about why it might not make a good pet!

Maths Task:

Can they complete the stem sentence about double 4?

Double ___ is _____

Half of 8 is _____

___ + ___ = _____



Which double and which half is represented here?

Reading Task: Please ensure you read with your child every night and record this in their reading record.

Here are the links for special friends 'u-e' and 'air'

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/VfzE2gJB/xYEIyK9W>

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/kgKJJWhk/NxJAIu77>