



# Fleet Primary School

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## Year 1 – Topic Letter

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# Wild Things



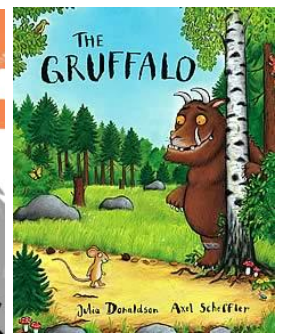
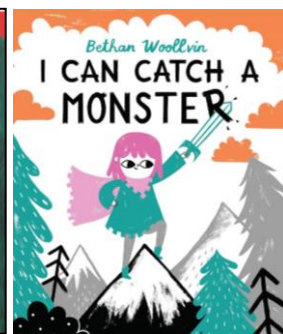
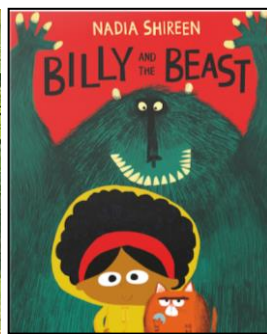
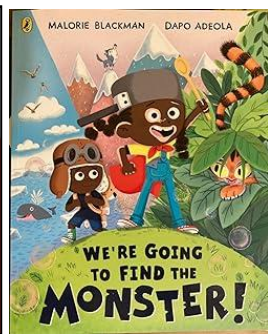
Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school and Happy New Year. I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable break. This term we will continue to have Rosa, May and Hazel working with us throughout the day and Tammy will continue to teach Geography, History and RE on Wednesday mornings for my planning and preparation time.

Our topic this term is **Wild Things**.

The children will explore a range of books to inspire them to write their own narratives. They have made fantastic progress with their writing this term, demonstrating greater confidence and independence. We will continue to build on this progress, focusing on developing their understanding of story structure. The children will write stories with a clear beginning, middle, and end, incorporating problems and solutions, and exploring morals in stories. We will also work on expanding their vocabulary to make their writing more engaging.

Key texts for the topic include;



### Reading

Please continue to read to and with your child every day. Remember they can swap their 'real books' at any point throughout the week. Guided reading books will be changed once a week. Please check the door as some children have changed reading groups so may be on a different day this term. Please make sure book-bags are at school every day and do your very best to look after books that are sent home and ensure they are returned. Each book cost around £6.00 and if one goes missing from a set, we are not able to use the book with another group of children. We are unable to send home new books until the old ones are returned.

When reading with your child, remember they have had the book with us over three sessions. They have practised the different letter sounds and tricky words in the book. By the time they bring them home to read to you, they should be able to read it fluently. Please celebrate them being able to read it.

In **History**, we will learn about famous authors and naturalists throughout time, including David Attenborough. Children will find out about key events in their lives and what they are most famous for. The focus in **Science** this term is animals. Children will learn about common types of animals, such as; mammals, reptiles, birds and amphibians. They will find out about carnivores, herbivores and omnivores and how to group animals according to their different characteristics. Children will visit London Zoo to learn more about the role of a vet. We will start our **Art** this term by creating large paintings of wild imaginary creatures created by the children. We will also practise our drawing and printmaking skills this term. In **Design Technology**, we will focus on building structures. In **Geography**, we will compare the UK to another non-European country, as well as simple field work and maps.

In **Maths** we will continue to follow the White Rose programme.

We will continue to become secure with addition and subtraction to 20, place value with numbers to 50. For measurement, we will learn about length and height as well as weight and volume.

This term we will continue to have **PE** on Mondays with coach Keely. Children should wear comfortable clothing and trainers.

### **Important Dates**

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January – Firefighters school visit

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January – Maths Open Morning 9.00-9.45

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February – Trip to Wac Arts **Parent volunteers and packed lunch required**

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March – London Zoo Workshop **Parent volunteers and packed lunch required**

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Parent Meetings after school

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Year One Class Tea

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Year One Class Assembly

TBC – Dance Workshop, Where the Wild Things Are

### **Help at Home**

- Practise number bonds to 10 and 20.
- Practise counting in 2s, 5s and 10s.
- Helping them to tell the time by knowing o'clock and half past.
- Playing board games and doing jigsaws at home is a great way to extend the children's topic learning, as well as improving maths, strategy, problem solving and coordination skills.
- Encouraging your child to use finger spaces, capital letters and full stops when writing.

Kind regards,

Rachel Webb

