

Reminders for this term:

- The Year 1 doors will open at 8:45am and the register will take place at 8:55am. Please ensure that your child is here on time every day. Pick up from the same place will be 3.15pm.
- Every day is vital – please make sure that your child does not miss school unless they are seriously unwell. Holidays in term time are not permitted. Please let the school office know if your child is absent.
- If you have asked another adult to collect your child at the end of the day, you must inform the school office, as the class teacher will not let an unknown adult collect a child without verbal permission from the parent/carer.
- PE lessons will take place on **Monday and Wednesday**. Children must arrive to school in their PE kit on these days.
- Your child will be set home learning every Friday via Seesaw. It must be completed by the following Wednesday.
- Your child is expected to bring their book bag with all reading books and reading record to school **every day**, along with a reusable water bottle filled with water only.
- Reading books will be changed on Mondays and Fridays.
- **It is vital that you take a few minutes to read with your child each day.** Please record any comments about their reading in their reading record.
- We are always looking for ways to improve our school – please feel free to contact Ms Kelly at skelly@academy.thomas-s.co.uk if you have any ideas or suggestions or if there is an issue you would like to discuss.

Key Dates:

- 11th January: Y3 swimming begins.
- 11th January: Y1 and Y2 trip to the London Wetlands Centre
- 28th January: Break the rules day.
- 1st February: Chinese New Year
- 7th-11th February: Children's Mental Health Week
- 28th Feb-4th March: Rec-Y6 Parents Meetings
- 3rd March: World Book Day
- 17th March: St Patrick's Day (Shamrocks wear green)
- 1st April: Last day of term (finish at 2pm)

Thomas's Academy Year 1 Spring Term Topics

What Animal Are You?



All living things – plants, animals and people – have a home or somewhere to live that we call a 'habitat'. A habitat gives that thing everything it needs to survive. A habitat can be huge like the ocean or small like a leaf!

Who are you?

History is one big story, filled with important people who did many great things – scientists, rulers, artists, writers, explorers. By learning about these people and what they did, we can find out more about the qualities that make someone great.



The adults working in our class are:

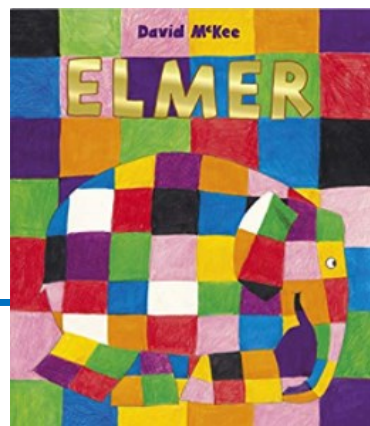
Miss Fraser – Class Teacher

Miss Yasmin – Early Years Educator

Mr Miles – Learning Support Assistant

You can speak to us at the end of each school day in the playground or you can contact us through the school office by calling 0207 736 2318 or by sending an email to yl@academy.thomas-s.co.uk

What will we be learning?



What Animal Are You?

We'll be discovering:

- About animals and their habitats
- How to sort living things into different groups
- What a micro-habitat is and what creatures live there
- How animals are adapted to their environment
- How living things depend on each other

What Makes a House a Home?

We'll investigate:

- How to compare the lives of two different famous people from the past
- About the achievements of important scientists and inventors
- About what life was like at different times in the past

In **PE**, we'll be practising our ball skills by learning to dribble, pass and catch a ball. After half term we'll be practising how to strike a ball when playing net and wall games.

Our **RE** focus this term is Islam

In **Character Curriculum** we'll be talking about our Dreams and Goals and learning how we can lead a healthy lifestyle.

In **Computing**, we will be exploring algorithms through a variety of cross curricular unplugged activities. We will also discover some opportunities for digital programming during busy learning.

In **English** we will be:

reading the stories of Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak, and Elmer by David McKee. We will learn how to write a character description of a Wild Thing, using adjectives, alliteration, verbs and sentences of power. We will then look at the structure of a story and begin putting our sentences together to make our own version of Elmer.

In **Maths** we will be learning about:

- Addition and subtraction within 20.
- Time
- Exploring calculation strategies within 20.
- Numbers to 50.
- Exploring calculation strategies within 50.

In **Spanish**, we will:

TOPIC 1: Los Colores

Learn to recognise and recall colours.

TOPIC 2 : Los Animales

Learn to recognise and recall common animals.

Use colours to describe animals putting adjective before noun.

Book 'Oso Pardo' de Eric Carle

In **Art** this term Year 1 will start by exploring the theme of mythology through 3D and digital art. They will experiment with building models out of various materials and develop skills in construction techniques. Digital art made on iPads will also be created throughout the term.

Parent support in these lessons:

We know the interest you take in your child's work. Please discuss with your child the learning they have done and let them teach you.

If you have any skills or knowledge related to these topics that you would like to share, please do let us know!