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Dear Parents/Carers of Whipton Barton Federation **Year 1** pupils,



This term, Year 1 will be learning about the topic **Ancient Egypt**. We will kick start this fascinating topic by looking at artefacts to begin their learning on the topic. Throughout the rest of the unit the children will learn about ancient Egyptian life, hieroglyphics, Tutankhamun and the importance of the River Nile whilst using a

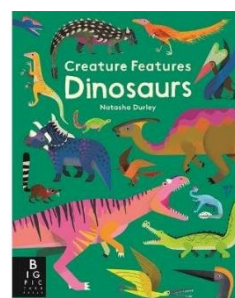
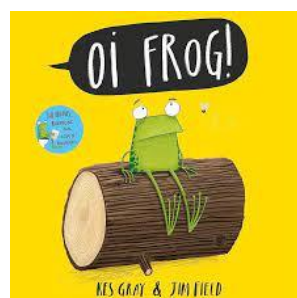
range of different sources to support their learning.

In **Science**, we will start by learning about hot and cold climates, including what you would take and why. We will also think of the best materials to use to keep food and drink cool on a hot day. How to stay safe in the sun will also be covered. The children will start to classify animals into fish, amphibians, reptiles birds and mammals thinking about what type climate they live in and how it is suited to them.



Finally the children will look at the impact on humans on habits, how this can affect the animals that live there and what can be done to reduce the affects.

In **English**, we will be writing rhyming sentence based on the pattern of the story and writing a non-fiction piece based on the books, 'Oi Frog!' by Kes Gray and 'Creature Features' by Natasha Durley.



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In **Maths**, the children will be focusing on numbers to 20, including ordering and comparing them. They will also be adding and subtracting within 20.

The children will be thinking about the question, 'Who do Christians say made the world?' in **RE**. They will be looking at the term creator and also how to show gratitude. The children will be retelling the story of creation from Genesis. Whilst in **SMSC**, they will be learning about Keeping Myself Safe, including learning about healthy lifestyles, good bedtime routine and who to talk to when worried about something. The children will also be looking at the NSPCC PANTS rule.

In **Computing**, the children will be exploring algorithms and coding. They will be programming a robot to move around a variety of maps, using forwards, backwards, turn left and right. In **PE**, the children will be focussing on gymnastic skills. In **Art**, the children will be learning about mixed media and practicing their painting skills in the topic 'Colour Splash'.

If you have any questions about your child's learning, please do not hesitate to contact the class teacher or email admin@whiptonbarton.org.

Yours sincerely,

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Class Teacher