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Dear Parents and Carers

In Year One, our Science topic this term is 'Animals Including Humans.' We are currently learning about the 5 different animal groups, i.e. mammals, fish, birds, reptiles and amphibians.

To support the children's understanding in this area of learning, on Monday 8th November 2021, we have arranged for a variety of animals to be brought into school for the children to experience first-hand. These will include:

- a lizard
- a boa constrictor
- 2 tortoises
- a budgie
- a barn owl
- baby rabbits
- 2 rats
- a skunk
- a dog
- a tarantula

All animals will be managed by professional handlers who are used to carrying out educational visits in schools. Each class will have 2 members of staff present to supervise and monitor the 45 minutes sessions, plus the 2 professionals leading the activity. Children will be allowed to handle some of the animals if they would like to, but there is no obligation to do so.

We do ask that if your child has any allergies to any of the animals listed, that you inform Mrs Dearle or Mrs Todd by the morning of Monday 8th November 2021.

There will be **no cost** to parents and carers towards this experience and we hope the children are as excited as we are about such a great learning opportunity.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Dearle, Mrs Todd, Miss Cross and Mrs Tate
Year 1 Team

Learning is a journey, not a destination

