

Year 1 Newsletter

4th May 2021

Dear Parent / Carer,

This newsletter gives an outline of what your child will be doing this term and how you can support them. This term, the children will be learning the following:

<p>Literacy</p> 	<p>In Literacy, we will be focusing on poetry and story writing. In our poetry unit we will be looking at Kennings Poems (a Kenning consists of two nouns side-by-side combined using hyphens to form a compound e.g. jaw-snapper, river swimmer.) Children will learn and recite different Kennings and they will also plan and write their own. We will then be learning the story of 'Monkey see Monkey do', where children will have fun doing some storytelling and write their own version of the story at the end of the unit. Within both genres, we will carry on learning about punctuation, nouns, adjectives and verbs.</p>
	<p>In Numeracy, we will be learning about addition and subtraction (within 20). We will also be learning multiplication as repeated addition. Children will learn how to read, write and interpret mathematical statements involving addition (+), subtraction (-), multiplication (x) and equals (=) signs. They will also apply their knowledge of these operations to solving addition, subtraction and multiplication word problems using objects to help them.</p>
<p>Religious Education</p> 	<p>We will learn about 'The stories that Jesus told.' (Parables) Children will learn a few parables and understand that Jesus told stories as a way of teaching people. In each parable we will identify the meaning that helps Christians learn how to live their lives. We will also be learning about the Saint of our school. We will learn how and why our school and parish church came to be named after the school.</p>
<p>Science</p> 	<p>Our topic for Science is 'Animal World'. We will have the exciting opportunity to see eggs hatch into chicks in class. Children will learn about the different needs of chicks. We will also be learning about other animals and their habitats. We will learn about food chains and classify animals into carnivores, herbivores and omnivores.</p>
<p>Geography</p> 	<p>In Geography we will learning about animals from Africa. We will look at the different countries in the continent of Africa and compare habitats found in Africa to those in UK. We will also listen to some funny Tinga Tinga Tales (a colourful imagining of African jungle tales).</p>
<p>Physical Education</p> 	<p>Year 1 PE Day is on Tuesday.</p>
<p>Music</p> 	<p>We will be listening to, appraising and composing music using a scheme of work called 'Charanga'. We will be learning a song and performing it in many styles.</p>
<p>Art</p> 	<p>We will be sculpting different animals using clay. We will take inspiration from the beautiful animal sculptures of artist Fernando Botero.</p>
<p>PHSE Values</p>	<p>Value word for April/May: Responsibility</p>
<p>Computing</p> 	<p>We will be using a variety of programs to deliver our Computing curriculum to build-up our ICT skills. We will also be using ICT to support our topics within the curriculum. The children will be taught how to log onto the school computers and use them safely by following our school rules. They will also be using special floor robots called 'beebots' and programming them to complete simple tasks.</p>

Reminders for Parents and Carers:

Year 1 PE Day is Tuesday

Please note that appropriate clothing i.e. navy blue or black shorts/tracksuit bottoms, white T-shirt and black plimsolls, must be worn for PE lessons. All items of clothing must be labelled with children's names.

Homework Days

- ❖ Homework - will be set on Purple Mash on Fridays and should be completed by the following Wednesday.
- ❖ Reading - Please read with your child daily, comment and ensure reading records are signed and returned weekly.
- ❖ We will aim to change reading books once a week.

Personal Belongings:

The school does not accept responsibility for personal belongings of any sort that are bought into school. Therefore it is important that all clothing i.e. uniforms, PE kits, coats, hats and gloves are clearly labelled with your child's name. Children should wear school uniform at all times.

Jewellery

We advise that no jewellery be worn in school although plain stud earrings are acceptable. Earrings need to be removed for P.E. and this should be done by the child. If jewellery is worn for religious/cultural reasons, then the earrings must be covered up with plasters which the child must provide. Please do not allow your children any other jewellery.

Please remember that the school gates open at 8:45 am and children should be collected at 3.15 pm. Children should be brought in and collected at these times and on time.

Thank you for your time and support and if there is anything you wish to discuss further please contact the office to make an appointment.

Regards

Mrs Chetri