

Year 1 Newsletter (Spring)



Our topic this half term: **Around the World in 63 days!**

We hope you all had a lovely Christmas holiday and are ready for the next half term. We are excited to be learning travelling around the world this term and looking at how we celebrate Easter.

- Monkey Class will be taught by Mrs Mitchell and Miss Gwenin and supported by Mrs Collier
- Tiger Class will be taught by Mrs Willsher, Mrs Whitehead and Miss Button and supported by Miss Tank

English

Our story telling this half term will be based on the text 'Dear Zoo'. We are going to be looking at the repeating pattern in the story. We will also be looking at the story 'Sam's Journey' and creating our own journey stories.

For our non-fiction writing this term we will be writing a recount about our visit to Whipsnade Zoo. We will also be writing our own animal poems using adjectives.

At home:

Spelling - Help children recap key word spellings. Have a look through their homework, are there any words that are spelt wrong? Go through and correct these words together. Learn weekly spellings ready for the spelling test at the end of every week.

Handwriting - We are having a big push on handwriting. Help children by showing them how to form letters correctly, including in their homework books.

Reading- Read with your child each evening and write a comment in their reading diary. Adults will regularly update your child's reading record if they are read with.

English homework is set fortnightly on a Friday.

Maths

During this half term, we will be learning about: counting, place value, addition and subtraction, number bonds; measuring and describing weight. We will also be focussing on practical and word problems to help your child's understanding. Each week your child will work on a different topic and this will be reflected in their fortnightly homework.

At home:

Number bonds- We are trying extremely hard to learn the number bonds to 10 in Year 1. Please practise these at home to support your child in achieving this superb award. (For example, 1+9, 2+8, 3+7). This term we will also be looking at number bonds to 20.

Maths homework is set fortnightly on a Friday

PE

The children have two PE sessions a week on Tuesday and Thursday (Monkey class) and Wednesday and Friday. (Tiger class) We do our best to stick to these days but sometimes they have to change at the last minute. To assist us please could your child's PE kits be in school all week. Some sessions may be taught outside, so please ensure your child has black tracksuit

trousers and a red Beecroft jumper especially as the weather gets colder. Your child will be trying their hand at multi-sports and gymnastics this term.

At home:

PE kit should be a white t-shirt, black or blue coloured shorts, black tracksuit trousers, red jumper and trainers or plimsolls. Please make sure all their kit is labelled clearly with their name and class and is kept in a named bag.

Creative curriculum

Our topic this term is 'Around the World in 63 days' we will begin by looking at animals and where in the world they come from. The children will be making their own clay animals and using maps and geography skills to discuss in more details the habitats. We will write travel postcards and explore our local area and compare it to the Scilly environment, discussing the different ways of life. Artwork from Scilly will be inspiration for our own collages. Under the sea creatures from different waters will help us to explore the story of the Rainbow Fish. Over the two half terms we will have covered each aspect of the curriculum including: history, geography, art, design and technology, computing, music and science.

At home:

Each week your child will bring home their homework log. In this you will receive fortnightly Maths and English homework and their work linked to the creative curriculum. You and your child may choose to complete any of the activities on the front sheet of your log when you would like. Our values over the next few months will be Friendship, Self Belief and Happiness.

Reminders and dates

Uniform: Please make sure that all new uniform (including PE kits) are clearly labelled in case it is misplaced. That way it can be returned to the correct class as soon as it is located.

Website: Remember to check the class pages regularly for newsletters, texts, updates and photos from work in class.

Homework: This will be sent home every Friday and is due in on the Wednesday of the week after. Homework will alternate between Maths and English.

03.01.17 - Training day

04.01.17 - First day back

31.01.17 - Whipsnade Zoo Visit

03.02.17 - Dick Whittington Theatre Performance

10.02.17 - Last day of Half term

24.02.17 - Monkey Class Assembly

02.03.17 - World Book Day

17.03.17 - Tiger Class Assembly

07.04.17 - Last day of Term

24.04.17 - Training Day

25.04.17 - Children return to school for Summer Term

Dear Zoo,

I wrote to the zoo to
send me a pet.

So they sent me an...

He was too big!

I sent him back.

So they sent me a...

He was too tall!

I sent him back.

So they sent me a...

He was too fierce!

I sent him back.

So they sent me a...

He was too grumpy!

I sent him back.

So they sent me a...

He was too scary!

I sent him back.

So they sent me a...

He was too naughty!

I sent him back.

So they sent me a...

He was too jumpy!

I sent him back.

So they thought very
hard, and sent me a...

He was perfect! I kept
him.

Sam's Bad Day

One sunny morning there was a little boy called Sam who lived in a flat. He woke up and decided to go to the park. He opened his blue door and ran down the stairs. Unfortunately, he missed the last step and went tumbling down. "Help!" he cried but no one came. Sam had cut his leg. He was worried and felt very sorry for himself.

Feeling as brave as a lion, he decided to look for help. So, he hobbled and he hobbled and he hobbled until he saw a fire engine.

"Can you help me?" he asked the fearless fireman. "No sorry, I put out fires."

So, Sam wobbled and he wobbled and he wobbled until he saw a car.

"Can you help me?" he asked the polite policeman. "No sorry, I catch criminals."

So, Sam shuffled and he shuffled and he shuffled until he saw a van.

"Can you help me?" he asked the patient postman. "No sorry, I deliver parcels."

Just when Sam thought no one was coming, suddenly a lovely lady appeared.

"Can you help me?" Sam asked desperately.

"Yes I can. I am a nurse and I look after people."

The nice nurse carried Sam all the way to the hospital where she stuck the largest plaster in the world on Sam's leg. Then Sam skipped and he skipped and he skipped all the way to the park where he had lots of fun laughing as loud as a siren.

The end.