

Welcome to the Key Stage 1 newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you are all well and enjoyed the recent Halloween and Bonfire Night celebrations? December is fast approaching and plans are already afoot for Christmas in Key Stage 1.



Remaining on the subject of celebrations, Diwali has also been celebrated this month. The children in Year 1 have enjoyed learning about the Hindu festival of lights in their RE lessons. They have listened to and written about the story of Rama and Sita, made diva lamps and created beautiful Rangoli patterns. Meanwhile, in Year 2, the children have been learning about 'Eid-UI-Fitr' and know why it is important to Muslims.

Thank you for supporting with our 'TT Rockstars' day last week. The KS1 corridor was awash with rock legends sporting their guitars, microphones and crazy hair. The children thoroughly enjoyed practising their times tables and battling against each other throughout the day. Remember that the children have their 'TT Rockstars' login details in their reading diaries and can practise at home too.

I was extremely proud of the children during Monday's remembrance service on the school playground. They all wore or held their poppies with pride and observed the two minute silence with respect. Well done KS1!

As always, thank you for your continued support with all aspects of your child's learning. Please continue to ensure that your child remembers their reading book on a daily basis and that if they bring a snack into school, it should be a piece of fruit or vegetable.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Norris

Friday 15th November 2024

Home Learning Expectations

1. Daily reading with an adult (see Home Reading Record)
2. Choice of an activity from the foundation home learning grid - a minimum of one per week per half term.
3. Choice of an activity from the mathematics and English home learning grid - a minimum of one per week per half term.
4. Discuss the weekly vocabulary grid with your child. Talk about the meaning of the words, put them into spoken and written sentences and practise spelling them.



Shoelace Challenge

Adults who support in Key Stage 1 have noticed that there are many children who do not know how to tie their shoe laces independently.

I have attached a link to a fun video and song that may help your child as they learn to tie their own shoelaces. Thank you for your support with this.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zeuEwKbbN_Q



Diary Dates

18th November - Odd socks day

22nd November - Japan cultural day

10th December - Beecroft Christmas day and
FEd fair

What's been going on?

Tiger Class

"Somebody's been eating my porridge!" As part of our learning about the traditional tale, Goldilocks and the Three Bears, Tiger Class tried porridge with a selection of different toppings. "Too salty!", "Too sweet!", "Now it's just right".



Tiger Class embarked on a fun and educational walk, exploring the beauty of the changing seasons. We discussed how the weather is shifting, noticed the colours of the leaves, and observed the environmental changes around us. We were amazed at how nature transforms and are excited to continue our learning over the coming weeks.



Over the past weeks, Tiger Class have been diving into the vibrant festival of Diwali. We have been exploring the rich traditions of Hinduism, learning about the story of Rama and Sita and how good overcomes evil. We even got creative making our own clay diva lamps, just like the ones used to light up Diwali celebrations



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Monkey Class



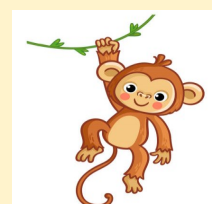
Monkey class have started their new text, 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. They loved bringing this traditional tale to life by acting out the story in small groups.



The budding thespians also acted out the story of Rama and Sita to show their understanding of light overcoming darkness in the festival of Diwali.



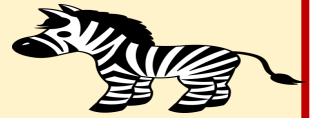
In Art, the children have been studying a variety of portraits and discussing similarities and differences between the pieces.



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Penguin and Zebra Class



We loved 'rocking out' whilst practising our times tables in Year 2!

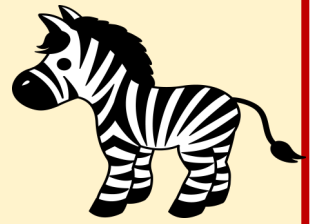


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Year 2 have been learning about story openers and endings. They borrowed a variety of books from the library and wrote down the openers and endings they found.



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