

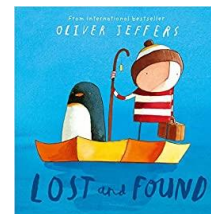
Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have all had a lovely half term and that your children are glad to be back at school. We are looking forward to a busy half term of learning. Here is a newsletter to update you on what is coming up this term.



Literacy

In Literacy we are reading a book called 'Lost and Found', where a boy helps a lost penguin find his home. We are working towards retelling the story of the penguin and the boy by writing some simple sentences. During each lesson we will be learning how to form capital letters and spelling some of our common exception words such as said, I, and he.



During our daily Read, Write, Inc. sessions, children are in groups to help them master and develop their reading skills at their own pace. We are focusing on using our sounds to segment and blend words using 'Fred Talk'.

To develop comprehension in reading, we use the Talk Through Stories programme. Talk Through Stories helps develop children's spoken vocabulary drawing on the best of children's literature. The QR code below will take you to a video that explains a bit more about the importance of Talk Through Stories.

Mathematics



This half term we will continue to look at addition and subtraction within 10. We will be using our knowledge of number bonds and concrete objects to help us with different number challenges.



All the way through our maths learning we will be applying our learning to solving real life problems. Any time you can practise your child's counting with them, will help with their fluency and various areas of maths.

Science

As scientists, we will be investigating what happens in Autumn and Winter. We will be looking at the different signs of Autumn and Winter through various outdoor learning activities. We will also be continuing our topic on animals. We have a visit to the zoo on Friday 17th November. More details to follow.



History



As historians, we will be finding out about why people celebrate Guy Fawkes night. We will be exploring how the Gunpowder Plot started and about what happened when the plotters were discovered through drama, discussions, and challenges.

PSHE / JIGSAW

This half terms JIGSAW is focusing on celebrating differences. The children will be looking at how we are all special and unique, and how we respect people's differences.



Computing



In Computing this half term, we will be continuing our topic on technology around us and will move onto digital planning.

RE

In Religious Education we will be looking at Judaism and the celebration of Shabbat.



PE



Our PE day for both Year 1 classes is on Tuesday, so children will need to come to school in their PE kit on that day.

Music

Mrs Lawrence will continue to inspire us with her weekly music lessons.



Homework



In order to keep developing our reading skills and a love of reading, it is really important to read at home regularly. Research shows that 15 minutes reading per day can equate to reading one million words per year. To develop this love of reading, it is important to share stories together with your child.

We will be continuing to use the 'Lending Library'. This is a box filled with high quality picture books that you and your child can read and share together at home. The 'Lending Library Box' will be kept in your child's classroom. They can then change their books once they have read the book at home and written it in their yellow reading record.

Depending on your child's Read Write Inc group, some children will also take home the book they have practised in class. It is important that your child re-reads this book at home to develop confidence and fluency in their reading. Please make sure you record this in their reading record and keep the Read, Write, Inc. book in your child's bookbag everyday so we can change them when needed.

If your child is not taking a Read Write Inc book home, then we will ask that you practise phonics at home using ideas which will be sent home in their book bags such as green words with the sounds they have learnt.

General Information

We hope this gives you an insight into what life and learning will be like in Year 1. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch. We will be by the Year 1 doors at the end of each school day, but you can also email us to arrange a time to meet.

Kind Regards,

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