

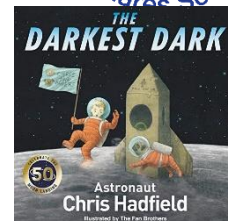
Dear Parents and Carers,

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 half term.



Literacy

In Literacy the pupils are reading a book called 'The Darkest Dark', which is inspired by the childhood of real-life astronaut Chris Hadfield. They will be working towards writing a diary entry in the perspective of an astronaut on the moon. The main objective is to begin to punctuate sentences using exclamation marks.



During their daily Read, Write, Inc. sessions, children are in groups to help them master and develop their reading skills at their own pace. Please make sure your child continues to read their Read, Write, Inc. book at home and return them when necessary. Sound sheets may also be sent home every few days to practise finding 'special friends'.

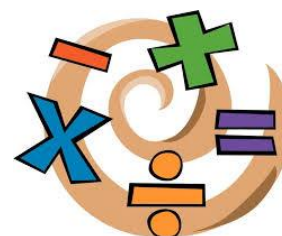
To develop comprehension in reading, they are continuing to use the *Talk Through Stories* programme. *Talk Through Stories* helps develop children's spoken vocabulary drawing on the best of children's literature.

They are working really hard on learning new vocabulary by using gestures, clapping the syllables and applying the new words to their own life experiences.

Mathematics

This term Year 1 will look at shapes, length and height, numbers to 40, and addition and subtraction word problems.

All the way through the maths learning, pupils will be applying learning to solve real life problems. When possible, you could practise with your child their counting, number bonds, and addition and subtraction to help develop their fluency.



Science



As scientists, they will continue to investigate everyday materials. Pupils will be continuing to explore a range of materials and objects and thinking about their physical properties. They will soon be conducting an experiment to test which material would be best to keep something dry. In addition, we will be going on a trip to Queen's Valley Reservoir to observe seasonal changes.

Art and Design

In Art and Design pupils will continue exploring the emotional content of colour. They have started to look at cool and warm colours as well as primary colours. They will also be learning how to make secondary colours, tints and shades.



Religious Education



In RE, Year 1 will be thinking about how they should care for the world and for others, and why it matters. We will be learning from teaching and stories specifically, from the religions Christianity and Judaism.

History

This half term, the focus is significant explorers such as Neil Armstrong. We will be learning the meaning of 'significant' and will reflect on who are significant people in our lives.



PSHE / JIGSAW



This half term's JIGSAW is focusing on 'Healthy me'. The children will be looking at how to make healthy choices and look after our bodies.

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 the children with her weekly music lessons.



Homework

Please continue to use the '**Lending Library**' to share a book together at home. Please ensure that once you have read the story, that you return it and collect a new story.

Depending on your child's Read Write Inc group, your child will continue to take home the book they have previously practised in class. The groups are changing so your child may have a different coloured book to normal.



If your child wants to do any more learning at home, BBC bitesize, Topmarks (maths), and Phonics Play are great resources online. You can also look at Read Write Inc resources through the Ruth Miskin website.

General Information

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

Please also keep an eye on Tapestry where we upload photos and a caption of their learning throughout each half term. It would be great to look at this regularly so you can continue to support with current learning at home. If you need support for logging in, please let us know!

Kind Regards,

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