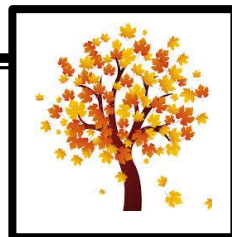


Class 1 Autumn (2) 2017

Teacher – Mrs Maule. Supported by TA – Mrs Lewis and Miss Clark



Dear Parents/Legal Guardians,

I hope that you had an enjoyable and restful half term. We have a very busy and exciting half term ahead as we prepare for events such as our visit to Tesco (this Thursday), our class assembly and the Christmas performance of Humph the Camel. These are just a few to mention! So please continue to check for letters, the school website, Weekly Headteacher's Blog, Facebook and Twitter to keep updated.

Literacy



The children will progress through our Literacy programme – Read Write Inc (RWI), that teaches reading, writing and spelling. They will continue to learn new letter sounds which will help them to become fluent readers. They will explore different genres of writing including narrative and non-fiction, for example, writing instructions.



Maths

Year 1 children will learn: tell the time to the hour and the half hour, measure length, symmetrical patterns, subtraction as 'take away', odd and even numbers, find $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$ of shapes, doubles, days of the week, months of the year, number bonds of 10 (1+9, 2+8), 2D shapes, use lists and tables to sort objects.

Year 2 children will learn: read time on digital/analogue clocks to the nearest half hour and quarter hour, measure length using centimetres, identify left and right, clockwise and anti-clockwise turns and right angles as quarter turns, add and subtract 10, 11 and 20 in the context of money, count in 10's, find halves and quarters of shapes, find doubles to double 20 and related half, regular and irregular common 2D shapes, use Venn and Carroll diagrams.

Times tables (Y2)

Year 2 children will continue to have a weekly times table test as started last year. This test will be on a **Monday**.

It is important that the children learn these important number facts so that they can become more fluent and confident in other areas of their

Reading



In Class One we read in Guided Reading groups. This involves a small group of children taking turns to read from the same book. During these sessions we will analyse a text in detail – discussing new vocabulary, making predictions and ensuring we understand the text.

Please keep your child's reading book and reading record in their book bag each day.

Please support your child at home by reading a little each night. 'Little and often' will help make reading more enjoyable for both you and your child. Please sign and date your child's reading record each time you read.

High frequency words (HFW)

High frequency words (HFW) are often called sight words because they must be memorized by sight. The reason for this is that many HFWs can not be sounded out. These words should be memorized a few at a time, and constantly revisited until your child is able to read, write, and spell them easily.

Learning these words is of huge benefit to your child as it helps them become more **confident** in their reading, it helps their **comprehension** and it provides clues to the **context** of the text.

Please help your child to practice reading the high frequency words which are now in your child's homework book.

The following website has some online games which will make learning these more fun:

http://www.familylearning.org.uk/sight_word_games.html

This year we will be learning about our topics on a **termly basis** instead of a half termly basis. This will enable us to cover each topic in more depth and allow for more cross curricular links.

The children are thoroughly enjoying our current topics, particularly the Great Fire of London, and are looking forward to learning more about:

Science – Weather and the seasons.

History– Great Fire of London (GFoL)

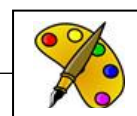
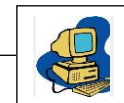
Computing – word processing skills, using 2Simple to paint scenes from the GFoL, using ioldPhoto

Art – Colour Chaos and Christmas crafts

DT – making bread

RE – Christianity and Festivals and Celebrations (Christmas story)

Music – Charanga- Music unit: 'Hey you!'



This half term Class 1 will go swimming at Willowburn on a **Monday afternoon**. **Please ensure your child is dressed in their school sports uniform on this day**. On **Tuesday** afternoons the children will learn how to play hockey. Please ensure your child brings their school sports uniform to change into on this day.

Outdoor Learning

Every **Monday afternoon** (after Willowburn) the children will participate in fun outdoor learning activities. **Please ensure that your child brings a coat and has a suitable pair of outdoor shoes or has wellies in school for these sessions.**



Attendance

Each week there will be a class attendance trophy awarded to the class with the best attendance that week. This will be presented during our Celebration assembly on Fridays. Class 3 were the best attenders overall last half term. Y6 had an impressive 100% attendance rate. Come on Class 1 – we can do it!

Homework

Your child will be given **spelling homework every Friday**. They will have a **spelling test** the following **Friday**.

These spellings will focus on a key sound/pattern each week. Please spend some time discussing the spelling rule, which is provided at the top of each spelling sheet, with your child.

Your child will bring these spellings home in their **Homework Book**.

Please keep this book in their book bag each day.

Homework will also be given on School 360 each **Monday**. This needs to be completed by the following **Monday**.



Our class charity

During our circle time lessons last half term, the children voted for Children in Need as their class charity which they would like to support. Watch this space for activities which we will help run for Children in Need day which is held on Friday 17th November!

Tesco visit – **Thursday 2nd November** (please see letter separate letter distributed before half term)

Individual pupil photographs – **Thursday 9th November**

Class 1 Assembly – **Thursday 23rd November 2.30pm** (Coffee and Chat 2pm)

