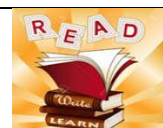


Class 1 Topic Letter

Spring Term 1 2020

Miss Donkin supported by Mrs Chisholm and Mrs Lewis

Welcome back and Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a brilliant Christmas. I would just like to take this opportunity to thank you for all the lovely cards and gifts I received before the holidays.

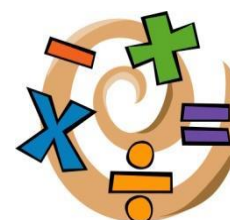


In Literacy your child will be starting the term looking at humorous poetry, looking in particular at Michael Rosen and focusing on the use of language play.

Through this we will read, create and perform our own silly poems. We will then be moving on to narrative, focusing on Madagascar in line with "our animal world" topic for this term. Reading, comprehension, spelling, grammar and spoken language will all be part of your child's literacy lessons. Children will be continuing to learn phonics through the Read Write Inc scheme using lots of new and updated resources. Following on from our success with phonics and Read Write Inc the Children in Year 2 will be taught from the Read Write Inc Spelling Scheme. The Year 1 children will still be given their new list of spellings every Friday alongside the Year 2 children and both year groups will be tested on these the following week. Please could you help us to support your child's learning by hearing them read daily (writing in their Reading Record) and also practice spellings using a little and often approach. Once spellings have been learnt for a test we know that they have truly been learnt if they are used correctly in your child's independent writing.

In Numeracy your child will be continuing to learn about multiplication and division and place value before moving onto more in depth addition and subtraction and statistics.

Homework will be linked to fluency, number bonds, times tables and telling the time as these are all vital to your child's basic knowledge and understanding of maths.



Year 2 children have maths homework booklets given out last term to take home every Friday, one section per week is to be completed and this is due in every Wednesday.

All the children in Class 1 have a Sumdog log in. This enables them to access reading, writing, spellings and maths games which helps reinforce learning at home so please ensure they do use this resource.



In Geography Class 1 will be comparing different animal groups and where they live, using world maps, atlases and globes to identify countries, continents and oceans. We will also be looking at our immediate locality and contrasting it with an inner city location. We hope to make the most of our pen pals from this area too.



In Computing the children will be learning all about what algorithms are and how to implement these on digital devices, learning that programmes execute by following precise instructions. We also hope to borrow a set of Virtual Reality Headsets so we will have great fun with those!

In R.E the children will be learning about the religion of Islam including the stories and celebrations which are important to Muslims,





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In Science the children will be exploring living things and their habitats. Identifying and naming common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals, what they eat and where they live. Children will explore and compare the differences between things that are living, dead and things which have never been alive.



In Music Class 1 will be using our Music Scheme Charanga and learning about pulse, rhythm and pitch as well as singing and playing instruments, working on combining all of these elements to create our own performance.



In P.E children will be continuing to develop their fundamental skills - this includes basic movement and spatial awareness, moving with a ball sending, receiving, catching and controlling. The Year 2 children will enjoy putting these skills into practice by having 3 x Thursday football sessions on the MUGA with Mrs Athey when the weather is appropriate. No football boots or shin pads are needed. The children will also take part in a dance session each week. It is important that children have the necessary footwear and clothing for these activities every week, this includes a pair of indoor trainers/plimsolls for doing PE inside.



In PSHE the children will be working on self-appreciation, focusing on their positive attributes as well as those of others and how they can use these to build positive relationships.



In Art children will be exploring animal patterns, using materials creatively to design and make animal patterned materials.

Reminders:

- Remember to hear your child read and sign their reading record daily.
- Class 1 will now be running the daily mile in the afternoon so will need to come to school in the correct footwear with their trainers to change into.
- Please make sure your child has a spare pair of socks in their bag as socks get wet if it has been raining.
- Children will take part in PE every **Monday** and **Thursday** so please make sure they bring their kits on these days.
- If possible keep a pair of wellies in school for forest school on a **Monday**.
- Children will be given weekly spellings to learn and will be given a test every Friday.

Many thanks

Miss Donkin