

1.2 Class Teacher
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Year One Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to begin by saying thank you for your kind words and generous Christmas gifts. We hope that you and your families have enjoyed a peaceful break ready for the excitement of that the new year brings. As part of 'Multifaith' week, during our first week back, we will be focusing on Judaism throughout the curriculum although in maths we will continue with the Power maths scheme of work.

English:

This half term we will be focusing on two texts: The Egg and Tell me a Dragon. We will be focusing on using adjectives and similes to build our use of descriptive language in stories and poetry and adverbials of time (first, next, then etc.) in writing instructions.

Reading

Please ensure the children are making good use of the Bug Club reading materials via www.activelearnprimary.co.uk as there are plenty of books to choose from in addition to the grammar activities. Children will continue to receive books from the appropriate book band. Please try to ensure you read with your child each day and discuss the story and characters.

Writing

Handwriting and presentation remain a focus. If necessary, please practise letter and number formation at home, particularly keeping letters a reasonable size and thinking about whether parts sit below or above the line. Please speak to either Mrs Szymaniak or Mrs Foad if you would like resources to support letter formation. We will be continuing to encourage the children to apply their phonic knowledge to help them spell words they do not know using 'Fred Fingers' where the children use their fingers to count the sounds.

We will continue to practise 'Hold a Sentence': Think of a sentence, verbally rehearse it and then write it using finger spaces, capital letters and full stops. When speaking to your child, please encourage them to speak in full sentences.

Alan Peat sentence structure, 'All the W's' begin with: Who? What? Why? When? Where? Was? Will? What if? and list sentences (It was a cold, wet, miserable morning.) will become more of a focus as the children progress through the year.

Mathematics

We will continue to follow the Power Maths scheme. We have been fortunate to take part in a homework trial and you should have received a letter outlining how the activities can be accessed. If you have any difficulties, please see either Mrs Szymaniak or Mrs Foad.

This half term we will move to addition and subtraction within 20 and numbers to 50. Useful concepts to practise at home:

- Adding one more and one less from a given number
- Using the language of: More than, greater than, fewer than, less than and equal to or the same as
- Part whole models, tens frames, bead strings and number sentences
- Practising automatic recall of number bonds that make 10 and 20
- Skip counting in 2s, 5s and 10s

Topmarks (maths website) has some great games and activities.

Science and Geography

This half term we will be focusing on seasonal changes and weather patterns in the UK and globally. We will therefore look at types of weather in hot, cold and temperate climates. We will continue to observe seasonal changes through winter.

History

This half term we will be looking at the purpose and structure of castles and the roles held within them. We have therefore looking to secure a trip to Hever castle. Date to follow. We will be looking at the castle, its structure and uses. We will also take the opportunity (weather permitting) to take a 'Winter walk' and observe the seasonal changes.

As ever, if you should have any queries or concerns, please feel free to speak to Mrs Szymaniak or Mrs Foad.

Many thanks,

The Year One Team