

1.2 Class Teacher
Mrs Szymaniak

Year One Newsletter

1.1 Class Teacher
Mrs Foad

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you have had a restful half-term ready for the second half of this academic year! The topic for this half term is 'Into the Woods'.

English:

This half term we will be focusing on two texts: Bog Baby and Where the wild Things Are. We will be developing the use of adjectives and similes for 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. Children can develop their inference skills if they predict what they think will happen using both text and pictorial clues.

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.

This half term we will move to counting to 50 and introducing length, height, weight and volume. However, useful concepts to practise at home remain:

- Adding one more and one less from a given number
- Using the language of: More than, greater than, fewer than, less than and equal too 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

Science

This half term we will be focusing plants and birds. We will also continue to look at seasonal changes.

Geography

This topic will focus on human and physical geography. We will consider how environments are adapted to suit the needs of the population.

Important Dates

4th March World Book Day

6th March Ash Wednesday

27th March Class 1.1 Assembly

3rd April Class 1.2 Prayer Service

Trips

27th February Hever Castle

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