

# Year 1 Class Newsletter



## 1<sup>st</sup> half Spring Term 2024

### Dear Parents,

I hope that you all had a lovely break! Our new topic is 'Into the Dark'. In this topic children will find out about day and night, and how nights are longer in different seasons. They will learn about weather maps and seasons in the UK. Children will learn about street lighting, and how we can keep safe in the dark using reflective clothing. They will look at the artwork of Vincent Van Gogh, and in particular his painting *Starry Night*. They will learn about different art media like pastels and chalks and use them to create pictures with swirly patterns like Van Gogh's paintings. In maths, they will be learning about dividing, finding half and quarter of objects and amounts. We will be exploring measuring length, weight and capacity and adding and subtracting on a number line.

### Our half termly topic this term is:

**Be smart internet**

**In PSHE we will be asking...**

- How can I use the internet to talk/communicate with other people?
- What can I do if I see something online that makes me feel unhappy, worried or scared?
- Who can I go to for help?

**I have learnt:**

fireworks  
bonfire  
plot  
parliament  
treason

**Class Questions:**

**In English we will be reading...**

**ORION DARK** **The KING who Ruled the DARK**

**Into the Dark Spring 1**

**In Science we will be asking...**

- What do the words 'property' and 'material' mean?
- What are some common materials?
- What are the use of different materials?

**I have learnt:**

**Class Questions:**

**Materials and Their Properties**

Material  
Property  
Natural  
Metal  
Plastic  
Glass

**In DT we will be asking...**

- What do cyclists wear so we can see them in the dark?
- Which is the best fabric for showing up in the dark?

**I have learnt:**

shine  
armband  
fabric  
test  
torch

**Class Questions:**

**In Art we will be asking...**

- What shapes and patterns can you see in Vincent Van Gogh's *Starry Starry Night* painting?
- How does *Starry Night* make you feel?
- How can you get the chalk to blend into white/darker colours?

**I have learnt:**

light  
dark  
pastel  
crayon  
chalk

**Class Questions:**

### What you can do to help:

Please read with your child every evening for about twenty minutes. Reading to your children helps develop their language and knowledge of vocabulary. Ask them questions about the book to help improve their understanding. Homework will be set every Friday inside the children's homework books. Please help and encourage your child to practice and learn their high frequency words, as well as complete their weekly homework.

### Things to remember:

- **PE kits need to be brought in every Monday** and taken home every Friday to be washed (black/navy jogging bottoms or shorts, a plain white t-shirt, trainers/plimsolls)
- Homework is given out every Friday and is due back to school the following Monday
- Please record when you have read with your child in their Reading Record book
- Remember! School starts at 8.55am, please ensure that you are on time every day
- Every child should have a bottle of water in school

### Other information:

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January – Class exploration of the local area and road safety

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us and we will be more than happy to help.

**Best wishes from the class team:** Lydia– class teacher, Yumi - TA, Clare - TA