

Year 1 Class Newsletter

2nd half autumn term 2020



Dear Parents,

Welcome back after the half term! I hope that you all had a good break and are ready and refreshed for all of the exciting learning that will be happening this term.

Our half termly topic this term is: IN THE DARK

What we will be learning as part of our topic: the children will begin to explore the differences between light and darkness in familiar settings and situations. They find out about day and night, and how nights are longer in different seasons. They will learn about weather maps and seasons around the world. Children will learn about street lighting, and how we can keep safe in the dark using reflective clothing. They will find out about Guy Fawkes, some of the events around the Gunpowder Plot and how we mark the event with Fireworks. They will look at the artwork of Vincent Van Gogh, and in particular his painting Starry Starry Night. They will learn about different art media like pastels and chinks and use them to create pictures with swirly patterns like Van Gogh's paintings.

What we will be learning in English: our key text this half term is 'Orion and the Dark' by Emma Yarlett. We will be exploring this text through shared reading, plenty of drama and role play, sentence structure and book talk. We will continue to be looking at the different parts of a story; the beginning, middle and end, and sequencing these events in the correct order. We will focus on saying our sentences out loud to help us write them down, remembering our full stops and capital letters. We are continuing with our phonics sessions and practicing our high frequency words.

What we will be learning in Maths: we will be focusing on the four operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will do this through practical activities using resources such as numicon, counters and number lines. We will then work towards developing the children's understanding of a number sentence. We will also begin to learn the 10, 2 and 5 times tables and our number bonds to 10. We will start to explore money, halves, quarters and naming and describing 2D shapes.

Other activities, trips and events this half term:

- 6th November – school photographs being taken
- 16th November to 20th November is Anti-Bullying Week, we will develop our understanding of how to have positive relationships with others
- 23rd November - parents evening will be held via Zoom
- 24th November - parents evening will be held via Zoom
- 1st December - parents evening will be held via Zoom

What you can do to help: the children are encouraged to read every evening for about twenty minutes. Please try to hear your child read when you can. Ask them questions about the book to help improve their understanding. Remember, the best readers also make the best writers!!

Homework and high frequency words will be posted on the Year 1 Class Blog each week.

Things to remember:

- P.E. is every **Wednesday**, please make sure your child comes to school wearing their P.E. kit on that day
- 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, please ensure your child has one.
- It is also essential that children remember their glasses if they wear them.

Other information: If you have any other questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me and I will be more than happy to help.

Best wishes from the class team: Lydia, class teacher – Eki, HLTA and Sabreen, teaching assistant