

Year 1 Class Newsletter



1st 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:

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 Geography we will be asking...

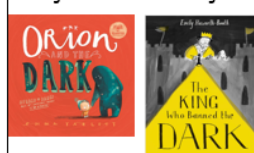
- What do the Houses of Parliament look like?
- What city do we live in?
- Where is it safe to cross the road near school/home?

I have learnt:

London
city
capital
safety



In English we will be reading...



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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:



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 17th 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