

# Year 1 Newsletter

## 2<sup>nd</sup> half summer term 2021

### Dear Parents,

Welcome back after the holiday, we hope that you had a lovely week in the sunshine!

### Our half termly topic this term is: Wild Things! (part 2)

**As part of our topic we will be learning about:** this topic will explore the world of Where the Wild Things Are. We will read the book and find out about the wild plants and animals that live in the forest. We will look at the pictures and compare the plants and animals in the book to real living creatures. We will make maps of the places in Where the Wild Things are and find similar green places near our school. We will learn about gardens and green spaces, and the plants and trees that grow there. We will find out about the structure of different plants and trees, including fruits, seeds, vegetables etc and making labelled drawings and diagrams. Then we will make a healthy salad using leaves, roots, stems and seeds. We will find out about Augustus Monet and his garden at Giverny, looking carefully at the paintings he made there and the colours and the brushstrokes he used to paint flowers and plants. We will make our own garden paintings in the Impressionist style of Monet, using different brush strokes and textures.

**In Literacy we will be learning about:** our key text will be 'Where the Wild Things Are' by Maurice Sendak. We will be exploring the text in a variety of ways, internalising the interesting language and ideas, and then writing our own version of the story. We will continue to develop our writing skills, remembering full stops and capital letters, and learning new punctuation such as question marks and exclamation marks. We will be saying sentences aloud and replicating them in writing, increasing their length and making them more interesting by joining our ideas with connectives such as 'so, until, who, but, and, because'.

**In Maths we will be learning about:** solving problems, making connections and increasing their number fluency. We will be continuing to focus on and consolidate our knowledge of number and place value, making sure that we can count forwards and backwards to 100 and continuing to explore how to partition numbers into tens and ones. We will do this through practical activities using resources such as numicon, cubes and hundred squares. We will also be comparing and reasoning with numbers to 20; learning about the symbols for more than, less than and equals.

### Other activities, trips and events this half term include:

- Parents Evening - Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June
- Parents Evening - Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June
- Parents Evening - Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June
- Positive Relationships meeting via Zoom – 21st June 4.45 – 5.15
- We will be taking the children to a local park in July, date TBC

### 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 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 us and we will be more than happy to help.

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