

Class 1 - Newsletter Autumn Term 2018

GENERAL INFORMATION

Phonics

We will focus on phonics daily within class to assist with the children's reading and writing skills.

Handwriting

Please keep practising handwriting at home with your child. The focus is on letter/number formation, orientation and size.

Homework

Children are expected to read at home. Your child will be given booklets of words and sounds to assist with their reading and phonics skills. It is important that your child practises them at home. Spellings will also be sent home to be practised. We will also be continuing with our extended homework and details will follow shortly.

PE

Please make sure children always have their PE kit in school. PE will take place on Thursday with swimming also on Thursday until half term. All jewellery must be removed for P.E sessions. A tracksuit may be needed as the weather gets colder.

Belongings

Please ensure that all items are clearly labelled.

Book Bags

Please ensure book bags are in school daily containing their reading books and reading records. As it is difficult to store the bags please use book bags rather than rucksacks.

Show and Tell

This will take place on a Friday afternoon. We would like children to bring in items linked to the topics we are covering in school, share something they have created or share with us any successes outside of school(no toys please).

Punctuality

Please try to bring your child to school at 8.50am as this gives them time to settle into school before the school day begins.

I hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable Summer break. I am really looking forward to teaching Class 1 this year. This term, there will be lots of lovely learning opportunities for all of the children.

Autumn Term Learning

This term's main topic will be Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole. We will be finding out about how they improved medical care.

In English, we will be learning about a range of genres including stories with familiar settings (fiction) and recounts (non-fiction). Our poetry unit will focus on pattern and rhyme.

In Maths, we will be counting, estimating and understanding the place value of numbers to 100. We will be counting in steps of 2,5,10 and recognising doubles and halves of numbers to 20. We will be learning about addition and subtraction in real life situations, including money. We will learn about shapes including the properties of 2D and 3D shapes.

In RE, we will be learning about 'Special Things in Nature' and 'Special People'.

In PSHE we will be learning about what makes us healthy and healthy lifestyles. This will include keeping a healthy mind and body. Our Health Project work will link to this area of learning.

In Science this term we will be learning about 'Habitats and Living things'.

Reading

Please encourage your child to read regularly to you and discuss their books with them at home. Children should read at least four times at home each week so please ensure reading records are updated and in their book bags daily. Any messages can also be written in and we will review these daily. Children can continue to use bug club at school and at home. If your child cannot remember their login details, please let me know.

Many thanks for your continued support,

Mrs Dawes