

Key Stage 1 Newsletter

KEY STAGE 1

Our topics this term:

English.- narratives – stories by the same author (Lynley Dodd, year 1; Julia Donaldson, year 2) and instructions (term 1) . Stories with familiar settings and a poetry unit. (term 2)

Maths – addition and subtraction, place value, measuring, number patterns, graphs, time and problem solving

Topic – ourselves (term 1); clothes and coverings (term 2)

Science – ourselves (term 1); materials (term 2)

RE – Christianity

A note from Elephant Class...

The children have already settled in well in Elephant class and are beginning to understand that the work begins to get more challenging. The children still have some free play sessions in the afternoons and this will continue for a few more terms.

The children are already learning more about the books by Lynley Dodd and over the next few weeks we will be discovering more about the characters she uses and the style of writing she uses.

In maths the children are already learning about place value and adding numbers to nineteen.

Every Friday the children will have a problem solving lesson, which helps them to solve problems in real life. During creative curriculum the children have been looking at skeletons and wondering “what if we didn’t have any bones in our bodies.”

A note from Penguin Class...

Penguin class have settled well into the new term, and are getting used to the adjustments of life in year 2 and the move away from child initiated time.

We have started to look at books by Julia Donaldson, and will be incorporating her work into both literacy and guided reading. In numeracy we are learning about place value, and beginning to count up and beyond the hundreds boundary, touching upon multiples of a thousand. We will be beginning to look at multiplication, which will be reinforced with times table tests on a Monday.

During creative curriculum we will be looking at different types of skeleton, and the differences between our own skeletons and other creatures.

Homework – year 1 and 2

Children will get homework projects for the first 2 weeks of each term, linking to our topic.

Children will often need support with this but it should help to build up their general knowledge of the topic. Children love to share these with the class and can be as creative as they like.

For all other weeks, children should be doing:

- Numeracy (20 mins) on Wednesday – due in Friday
- Literacy (20 mins) on Friday – due in Monday
- Spellings – learning continuously
- Reading daily – but books will need to be read at least twice at home before they are changed. Sometimes other activities that support reading will be sent home.

This homework is vital in consolidating the work we have done in class. If the children have found the homework too easy or hard, please feel free to write a note on the back letting us know, or how much support you have given them.

Water Bottles – Please can children be provided with a water bottle for drinking from in class time. The water bottle should have a sports cap top to reduce spillages and must only contain water.

PE reminder – Elephant class have PE on Thursdays and Fridays. Penguin class have PE on a Monday and Thursday. Children need a named kit (black shorts, white t shirt and plimsolls). Socks would be useful for girls who sometimes wear tights. If children get their ears pierced during term time, please send them in with tape to put over their earrings during PE.

ALL CHILDREN NEED TO BRING AN ART APRON OF SOME DESCRIPTION; THIS COULD BE AN OLD SHIRT OR T-SHIRT OF AN ADULT.

If there are any parents who have some time to spare during the week, we are always looking for helpers to listen to children read, or generally help out in class. Please come and speak to Mrs Waller or Miss Hyder if you are interested.