

KS1 Newsletter November 2019

It's been a brilliant start to the year, all the children in both classes seem to have settled in really well and are working very hard. Behaviour is good and children are really doing themselves proud. We have another exciting and very busy half term ahead of us. If there is anything else you need to know after reading this letter please contact your child's class teacher and we will be happy to help.

Our topic this half term will be 'Dinosaurs' The children have already been learning about the life of the famous British fossil hunter Mary Anning. They will now be learning all about the dinosaurs; their names, what they ate, how big they were and what happened to them. Later in the half term children will be learning all about seasonal change in their science week and about the Nativity story in RE.



Home Reading

Children continue to bring home reading books every Monday, please read these with your child during the week and they will be swapped the following Monday. Could you also please write down these (and any other books they may read at home) into their reading record. Reading records will be collected on a Friday to be signed. We really appreciate all the helpful comments people have been writing in these books.

Phonics books will now be sent home on a Thursday instead of a Tuesday. Your child will have been practising reading this book in school prior to bringing it home so this is a chance for them to show off and demonstrate to you how well they can read the text

Please make sure your child's book bag is in school every day and is small enough to fit in their tray. We are finding that many children do not have their home reading books or reading records when we want to read with them in class and have nowhere to keep their letters etc so this would really help us out.

Diary Dates:

17/12/19—KS1 Nativity @ 2:00pm

20/12/19—KS1 Christmas party.

Toys— Children may bring a toy to play with at playtime if they like. Please can you make sure children are bringing something that fits inside their pocket/tray so that it can be safely out of the way during lessons. No huge toys please!

Homework

Maths

Well done to all the children that have been bringing in their maths skills check homework, we have noticed an improvement in the weekly scores so keep it up! Children in both classes will now be bringing home maths homework every week, please continue to help your child with this.

Spellings

Children are still bringing home their new spellings every Thursday and will be tested the following Thursday. Please make sure your child brings home, fills in and returns their spelling practise sheets each week. They also need to bring their blue spelling book to stick in their new spellings and we will write their scores so you can see how they're getting on.

PE days—Children must come in black/dark jogging bottoms, black trainers and a white t-shirt with their jade green jumper/cardigan over the top.

Willow PE—every Friday and every other Thursday

Maple PE—every Wednesday and every other Thursday

You should have already received a timetable showing which Thursdays your child has PE.

Nativity

We have a new Nativity this year 'Christmas with the Aliens'. Some children in Year 2 will be bringing home lines to practise, please help them to learn these so we can make this the best Nativity yet!

Many thanks, from the KS1 Team.