

# KS1 Newsletter January 2020



## The Circus!



This half term's topic is all about the circus. Children will have the opportunity to learn about the history of the circus and some of the famous people who contributed to the modern circus we know today. They will learn all about the different roles in the circus and how circuses have changed over time. We will have a visit from a clown and will get to practise circus skills. Children will also have the chance to make mini circus sets based on the artwork of Alexander Calder and will be designing outfits for a clown. In RE children will be learning about Moses and the Jewish festival of Passover. Our Science week beginning on the 10th February will be all about food chains and animal habitats.

### Home Reading

Children are still receiving new books on a Monday for the whole week. Please encourage your child to read these at home and return them the following Monday.

Every week we will check your child's reading record so please continue to sign and write down the books your child is reading. Studies show that children who read a lot at home with their families are the best readers so please make reading a priority. We know that children love reading their own books or library books too so please write those into the reading records as well. Your support with this is really appreciated.

Children may bring in books/magazines/comics or anything they love to read to keep in their drawers for ERIC (Everyone Reading In Class) time. So please encourage your child to bring in some good reading material as they are always more enthusiastic when it's a book they've chosen themselves.

Children start reading their new phonic book on a Tuesday in school but will not bring this home until the Thursday. This means your child will already have read the book a few times in school and should be able to show off their brilliant reading skills to you by the time they bring it home.

### Diary Dates:

15.1.20—Art day—please wear appropriate clothing for getting dirty!

22.1.20—Kevin the clown visit.

27.1.20—Willow Class assembly @3:00pm

### Homework

#### Maths

Your child will bring home maths homework every week so please encourage them to get it out of their bag/tray and complete it. Helping your child when they are struggling is not "cheating" so please do help them when they find it difficult.

#### 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.

### Creative Curriculum books

If you have any good books at home to support this, or any other topic we do in school please send them in with your child!

### Library

Children visit our lovely school library every week and bring home a book of their choosing. Please can you send in any outstanding library books you may have at home so there is as much choice as possible.

Many thanks, from the KS1 Team.