

CLASS NEWS

Year One

Welcome to Year One!

It has been lovely to meet you all and your children. The children are beginning to settle into new routines well.

Could I please ask that you send a photograph of your family for the children to share during our Come and See topic. Also some photographs of any activities that you may have done during the holidays to support them in writing. You do not need to have these professionally printed you can e-mail school, send them via twitter - whatever suits you. If you do not have any do not panic we will draw some pictures with your child.

English

In phonics we are now beginning to learn some of the alternative sounds such as ai and ay. As well as these we are continually going over those they have already learnt in Reception. If you could encourage your children to use these in writing and reading this would be very beneficial.

We are continuing to enjoy reading and writing stories. We must remember full stops and capital letters too! We are looking at traditional tales and other familiar texts. Reading books are used every day so if you could ensure they are in their bags each day this would be extremely helpful. The children receive dojo points for reading at home so if you have read please could you record this in their reading records.

Also there are some games that can help with those children who you may feel are over using memory to read (not looking at the words but remembering the story); choose a sentence either you or they write it out, then cut up the sentence and focus on reading individual words, then re order them, spend evenings answering questions

about a book and showing where and how they found the answers, read a silly story i.e. can they read it backwards. Please also share books from home too.

This half-term we will send some practical homework for you to enjoy with your child, these are just some activities that you can play all year to encourage speed, familiarity and retention of learning. We are also starting to practise the spelling of numbers as words if you could practise these, we will have spelling tests throughout the term. I will keep you informed so we are all focusing on the ones that your child finds most difficult.

Our overall topic this term is Animals within this topic we will cover both Science and Geography.

- Why can't a Meerkat live in the North Pole?
- How do Polar bears keep warm?
- How are humans different from most animals?
- Where do different animals live in the world?
- How can we group animals?
- Which countries are hot and cold.
- What is the equator?

Mathematics

We will cover a range of learning through activities and play; these will include activities which focus on:

- Counting, recognising and ordering numbers to 100.
- Understanding the 1 in a teens number represents 10.
- Writing numbers as words (one, two, three)
- Using ordinal numbers such as 1st, 2nd, and 3rd

- Recognising and describing 2D and 3D shapes.
- Writing addition and subtraction sentences.
- How to use a number line to help us add and subtract.

Please ensure numbers are **always** formed correctly, starting at the top.

Come and See

We are currently learning about families and how we are all a special part of God's family. Later in the term we will also be learning about belonging and baptism. I will give out the new QR codes for seesaw so we can continue to share our learning at our welcome meeting.

If you are unsure of anything or would like any information on your child's progress please do not hesitate to ask!

Dates for your diary

- 10th September – Welcome parents meeting at 3:30, in class.