

CLASS NEWS

Year One

Last term we really enjoyed:

- Adding and counting forwards and backwards.
- Learning about different animals and where they live.
- Watching Pinocchio.

Here is a little insight into what exciting things your child will be learning this term.

English:

We are continuing to learn a variety of new sounds and their alternatives in phonics. We will look at stories, retelling them in our own words and writing them and our own versions too. We will also be writing recounts of exciting things we have done.

Maths:

- On going practice of number skills such as number bonds to 20, doubles, tens and units, recognising and ordering numbers.
- Subtraction – in a range of ways.
- Mass – weighing a range of items using a balance, identifying the heaviest and lightest objects. We will also look at standard measure of kg.
- We will learn how counting in 2's, 5's and 10's helps us to count sets and relate this to multiplication.
- Recognising all the coins (the new ones don't have the numeral on them)

I am going to introduce addition and subtraction rockstars to the children this is prior to Times Table Rockstars. They will be given simple addition and subtraction sums that they complete in 3 minutes. The aim is to get number facts solid with the children before moving on. A copy of this has been sent as homework on 8/11/19.

History:

The children will explore what toys were like long ago and how other elements of childhood would have been different. We will answer a range of questions like:

- What toys would have been on Grandma's Christmas list?
- What sort of phone did Grandma and Grandad use?
- Who is better Justin Bieber or the Beatles?

Science:

We will continue to learn about animals and humans and be concentrating on our skills of scientific enquiry. We will predict, test and find out new things. We will answer questions such as;

- Where do shadows come from?
- Why is the sun so important and does it stay in the same place?
- Which animals come out at night?
- How can we create our own shadow puppet theatre?

Homework:

The children will still be given homework from time to time on a Friday; I will also send a spelling rule to be practising. We are also going to be sending Maths games home for you to enjoy with your children and hopefully give an insight into the ways they are being taught. Some of the games are simple and others are more challenging. If you need help or would like it for an extra week or again later in the year please specify this in this Maths games booklet that will accompany the game. I have made these games so any feedback is welcomed, I want you and your child to enjoy them and find them worthwhile!

Important date to remember:

- Dress rehearsal
- Evening performance
- Afternoon performance

A costume list for the production has been sent, if you have a costume from previous years you are willing to share if others need it please let other know or inform me.

Again, thank you so much for all of your hard work at home, your support really does stand out to us and shines in the children's progress.