

CLASS NEWS

Year One

English

This term we are looking at stories from other cultures, descriptive writing and information texts. Through this, we will develop the use of adjectives, joining sentences using 'and' or 'because'. We will continue to ensure we use full stops and capital letters even when we write more. We will also develop our knowledge of phonics learning, looking at alternative sounds. We will continue to practise reading words with all the sounds we have learnt. This will prepare us for the Phonics Screening Test in June.

I will send spellings for this term home on Friday.

Mathematics.

We are continuing to build upon our number facts and look at:

- Counting in 2's, 5's and 10's looking at multiplication and division.
- Continuing to add and subtract using a range of methods, embedding skills we have learnt and becoming more familiar with these.
- Number and place value.
- Using addition and subtraction facts and looking at the relationship between them (inverse).
- Using our reasoning skills when answering questions.

Facts such as doubles to 20, counting in 2's, 5's and 10's forwards and backwards (introducing X). Halving and quartering, counting, ordering numbers, recognising and writing numbers to 100 should all be becoming secure now but daily practice is still needed.

The addition rockstars has been very successful in helping children add quickly. Some children still need to practice spelling the numbers 0-20 in words.

Topic (Aliens) Science.



This half term and next within science lessons we will be looking at materials and how their properties can change. We will explore this topic through experiments which will be conducted in class. This will be done in a fun way through the topic of aliens, we will answer questions such as:

- What materials can you use to make a pair of knickers or underpants for your alien?
- Would wood make a good window?
- How can aliens stay dry in the rain?
- How can we make jelly for the aliens leaving party?

History

In History we will be looking at famous people from the past. I also look forward to hearing about people you as parents have discussed with your child. (see this week's homework).

Come and See.

This term we are learning about meals and relating this to the special meals around Easter. The last supper and how we share and remember this at mass each week or for special occasions.

Notes for parents:

We will be celebrating World Book Day on 5th March, the children are welcome to bring a book in with them to share.

Please continue to read regularly as it really helps when we are asking questions about the text in class. Also practise reading the question words who, what, why, when, how will really help too.

Please remember the door is always open if you have any questions or queries.

Mrs Mulraney

