



Class 1 Spring 2017 - 2nd half

Welcome back, it's hard to believe that we are half way through the year! The children have come back today refreshed and happy. It is lovely to see them again, enthusiastic and ready to learn!

This half term our topic is Explorers. We will be finding out about rainforests. We will explore the different layers of the forests and where these environments are around the world. The animals of the rainforest will be part of our investigation. Towards the end of term, we will be focussing on Easter and the Easter story.



In Literacy, we are using books related to our topic. We will be finding information using non-fiction books to answer our questions. We are trying to introduce a range of punctuation to our work, including full stops, commas, exclamation marks and question marks. This half term Year 1 will particularly focus on spelling the common exception (tricky words) words. Please continue to practise these at home.



The children will also continue to develop their cursive handwriting. It is not easy - we encourage children to 'whoosh' off the line and then write the letter. Please come and ask if you are unsure of how we form our letters. The children are split into small phonics groups.

Our Numeracy work will begin with adding and subtracting objects and numbers. We will continue to develop our learning about 3d shapes. We will also double and half numbers. On Fridays, the children will work on their SMIRFS (space mission instant recall facts).

Our Science work is based on Animals. We will be finding out about animal habitats and different animal groups - vertebrates, invertebrates, reptiles, amphibians and mammals. Hopefully we will also be able to visit a local farm too, more details to follow.



We would really like to hear about your child's successes at home. Please fill in a WOW if your child learns to ride their bike, climbs a big hill, dresses themselves etc. The children love to share these achievements. We have attached a new sheet.

PE - Mr Warriner will continue to work with the class on Mondays and we will have PE on Wednesday too.

Staffing: Mrs Fowler - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

Mrs Warriner - Thursday, Friday

Mrs Collins - Monday, Tuesday, Mrs Fielding - Wednesday, Thursday, Friday,

Miss Wilkie - every morning and some afternoons.

Please feel free to come and look at your child's Learning Journey at any point. They are a lovely record of how each child spends their time.



We are a very open classroom and team, so do come and talk to us if you have any questions or worries and we will do our best to help.

If you have any time and would like to come in to help with art, playing games, reading books etc. we would love to hear from you.



To help your child, please ensure they have named PE kit in school every day, along with reading books, diaries and home/school books.

PE - Monday and Wednesday

Library books - Monday

Homework (for Year 1) - given out on Tuesday, back for the following Monday please.

It will be a very special half term for us, we have loved working with your incredible children and will be sad to leave.

Many thanks for your support

Katy Fowler and Fiona Warriner

Class 1 teachers