

Year 1S Newsletter

January 2016



Welcome



Welcome back to school after the Christmas break. Many thanks for your support over the last term. We are quickly settling back into our normal routine after the excitement of Christmas, do visit the school website to see pictures of our class party and Toy box celebration.

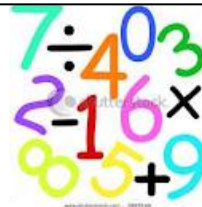
The children will continue to bring home their new English and Maths homework books every Friday and the work set will build on learning completed in class that week. Please return these books to school by the following Wednesday.

As usual, we are available before or after school for any quick questions or concerns. If you need longer or you are a busy working parent, please telephone for an appointment or email -:

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Thanks again for your continued support. We look forward to an exciting and productive term in Year 1!

Maths



In Numeracy this term we have started by learning how to recognise odd and even numbers using Numicon to help us. We are looking at place value, positioning numbers along a number line and partitioning 2 digit numbers into tens and units.

In calculation, we will be learning to add and subtract using different methods, using our knowledge of place value to add and subtract 10 from given numbers.

In our weekly mental maths sessions, we are continuing to sequence numbers using our number jigsaws, developing our knowledge of mathematical vocabulary and counting using fun songs to inspire us!

We will also be starting to find halves and quarters of different shapes and quantities.

Mental skills you can work on at home with your child:

- Reading and writing all numerals to 20 in numerals and words.
- Counting forwards and backwards in 1's, 2's, 5's and 10's.
- Recalling number bonds to 5 and 10 instantly.
- Recalling doubles of numbers up to 10 instantly.
- Recalling addition and subtraction facts for numbers up to 5 instantly.

English



In Literacy, our focus for this half term is writing non-chronological reports. So we will be looking at different animals over the term and learning how to organise information about these animals into a report. After half term we will develop our writing skills further as we begin to look at letter writing. We will be continuing to bring spellings home to learn each week and it is important that you continue to help your child to practise these words. We are also working on our handwriting and continuing to write in a cursive style using leading lines and flicks on our letters. Our guided reading sessions also continue and the children are developing confidence when answering comprehension questions.

Ways to help your child's writing at home:

- Encourage them to segment or 'break down' the sounds in words to write them.
- Support your child when they are attempting to form their cursive letters.

Ways to help your child to develop comprehension skills whilst reading at home:

- Encourage them to summarise what has happened so far and retell the story in the correct order.
- Explain unfamiliar words to them.
- Part way through the story, ask them to predict what might happen next, or what might happen at the end of the story.
- Frequently ask them questions about what is happening in the story, such as "I wonder why that girl did that?" or "How do you think he felt? Why?"

Topic



Our topic this term is 'Time Travellers'. We will be looking at memorable events in our own lives and begin to organise these into an ordered timeline. We will also be focusing on local history and finding out some information about significant landmarks in Middleton. Finally, we will look at the history of space travel, making space vehicle models and finding out about specific events such as the first man on the moon.

Science



Our Science topic this term is 'Everyday Materials'. We will be working with a variety of different materials including wood, metal, glass, plastic and water. We will be learning to describe different materials and group them together according to their simple physical properties. We will conduct simple investigations to find out more about materials and their properties.

R.E.



This term in Religious Education we will be learning about forgiveness and listening and responding to stories in the Bible. After half term we will be looking at the key events of the Easter Story.

General News



P.E & Clothing

Please make sure all children's clothing is clearly labelled, including shoes and their P.E kit to avoid loss.

P.E this term is on Thursdays. It is normal procedure to leave P.E kit in school for the duration of the half term to ensure that children have the correct kit at all times.

Reading books

Please can you ensure you read with your child every night and sign the reading record when you have done so. The book does not need to be finished every night but please ensure it is still sent into school every day. Many thanks!

Water bottles

The only water bottles permitted in school are the red school bottles which can be purchased from school council for £1.50.

Attendance and punctuality

It is important that children attend school on time every day. Doors open at 8.45am and registers are taken at 8.55am. If your child is late (after 8.55am) please ensure they are signed in at the Office to comply with safety regulations.