

Term 3 Newsletter

Year 1

Topic for the term

This term we are learning all about jobs - from police and firefighters to conductors and artists. We will create our own non-fiction book. We are learning about animal groups (mammals, reptiles, fish, birds, amphibians and insects) in Science. We will be looking at the weather during different seasons, creating a weather forecast and learning about significant people in History. We will be creating some fantastic pop art in art week!

PE and Sports News

We will continue with the daily run (weather permitting) and be working on team games. We will be learning some basic dance steps in indoor PE.

Home Learning

The home learning expectation in Y1 is to read at least three times a week and to record this in their reading diary (yellow book in their book bag). This should amount to around 10 minutes of your time and will aid your child's confidence and progress. Children climb the reading rainbow at 20 point increments. We count each '**day**' that your child reads.

In addition, your child should complete one home learning activity from the home learning list each week. A 'home learning grid' will be given at the beginning of the term. Please send their home learning on Dojo by 6pm Thursday evening, so that we can respond, award points and share with the class on Friday.

Key Dates for Term 3

Monday 4th January 2021 - INSET day
Tuesday 5th January 2021 - back to school
Friday 12th February - End of term.

Targets:

Reading - To recognise and read contractions (i.e. it's, don't)
Writing - To use 'ed' at the end of a word to show the correct tense.
Maths - To be able to identify and name common 3d shapes.

Ways to support your child at home this term

Thank you for all your support with the 'home learning' activities' - it looks like you are all having lots of fun and quality family time together. We had some fantastic rangoli patterns, winter scenes, fact files and plant pictures.

Regularly refer to the sounds in their phonics pack. Starting in January; each week we will put which sounds your child's groups is learning onto dojo - so that you can follow where they are on the phonics sounds mat and further support their learning. See if they can spot the sounds of the week in their reading book!

Please regularly check, and empty, your child's book bag. We will put letters, reading books and any other notifications in them. Ensure your child brings their book bag in each day and that you have put back their reading record and reading book, as we listen to different children read each day and on a Friday we change their book and count their reads to move up the rainbow.