

Class 1 Half Termly Newsletter

January – February 2018

Important Information



Dates for the diary:

We return to school on Monday 19th February

'Mini-Monsters' visit: Monday 26th February

We break up for the Easter holidays on Wednesday 28th March at 12.15

Year 2's will not be swimming next half term.

Certificates

Certificates for positive attitude towards learning:

Seth, Libby-Rose, Amelia-Mai, Ruby, Flossie, Clay and Poppie

Certificates for outstanding behaviour:

Ruby, Edward and Flossie

School Fundraising Events

School Council Pyjama Fundraiser Day on 19th January raised £75 to go towards new goal posts.

Please collect sports for schools tokens from the EDP and pop them in the box in reception.

Birthdays

March

Annabel
Amelia-Mai

April

Libby-Rose
Poppie
Elijah

Looking Forward

To support your child with their learning it would be very beneficial if you could do some of the following on a regular basis:

All children

- Sharing stories and listening to your child read their home school book.
- Practise letter formations and for Y2 children, their letter joins.

Reception

- Practising their weekly sounds. These can be found in their 'Jolly Phonics' sound book.
- Practise the high frequency words on their sound book mark.
- Investigating numbers and shapes at home and in the local environment.

Year 1

- Reading, writing and practicing their weekly spellings.
- Practise number bonds to 10 and 20; counting in 2s, 5s and 10s forwards and backwards.

Year 2

- Reading, writing and practicing their weekly spellings.
- Practise number bonds to 20 and 100; counting in 2s, 5s, 3s and 10s.

Next half term, our topic will be called: 'The Lost City'. Remember to take a look at the curriculum jigsaw to find out what we'll be getting up to.

Next term please remember:

- **PE Kits** need to be in school on **Mondays** and stay in school until Friday. Anyone with long hair will need a hair band to tie their hair back for PE.
- **All kit** should be clearly labelled.
- **Outdoor learning** clothes need to be in schools on **Wednesday and Friday** mornings.

Our Half Term

Our topic this half term was 'Reduce, Reuse, Recycle'. The children reused resources to create musical instruments and have made an effort to reduce the amount of resources that they use. We have learnt about recycling, particularly enjoying a clip from 'Charlie and Lola'.

During our science lessons we learnt about different materials, thinking about what objects are made out of, which materials are appropriate for different purposes and how the shapes of objects can be changed. We have been developing our skills of recording predictions and findings, whilst carrying out investigations. We also learnt about the invention of a new material - Kevlar (in the 1960s), by Stephanie Kwolek.

During our literacy lessons we have enjoyed a number of journey stories, based around an Arctic and Winter theme. These included 'Little penguin learns to swim, Blown Away and Rainbow Bear'. The children used oral storytelling skills to retell some of these stories before creating their own story maps. They then used these to write wonderful stories using time connectives, interesting adjectives and powerful verbs. The year 2's have also been learning to use success criteria to recognise when they have worked really well.

During art and design, we have created a number of pieces of artwork based on the works of the artists: Monet, Van Gogh, Metzinger and John Nolan. We have explored using oil pastels, chalks, paints, collage materials, colouring crayons and wax crayons.

During maths lessons pupils have been consolidating their understanding of the four operations; addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We have been exploring the links between them, creating number fact families and using our new skills to answer word problems. Some children have even challenged themselves to write their own problems. We have also been exploring coin values;

comparing money amounts and role playing in our shop corner.

A big thank you to everyone who was able to come along to our Maths Cafe on 29.1.18. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.

During our geography lessons we looked at the buildings around our village, creating drawings of the buildings in order to build our own map. We explored the names of the streets, on which the buildings are located, using the Chrome books. Whilst on our walk, we found that our village wasn't as clean and tidy as we had hoped so the children designed posters about the importance of keeping our village clean.

During Japanese, we've carried out a variety of lessons, including a visit from Kazz who brought in some dogs who taught us language for different foods.

Thank you to everyone who has supported our class again over this incredibly busy this half term.

