

Year 1 Newsletter

Spring 2

Our English Learning

This half term, our focus text will be Leaf by Sandra Dieckmann. Children will focus on adjectives to describe a setting and write a diary entry from the viewpoint of Leaf, while developing their basic writing skills.

In phonics, children will continue phase 5 graphemes. They will take part in regular group reading sessions, where they will practise reading with prosody to support their comprehension.

You could help your child at home with their English learning by:

- Sharing stories
- Listening to your child read at least three times a week.
- Writing, colouring and drawing together.

In R.E. children will be introduced to Islam. They will learn about the Shahadah and Muslim beliefs.

The title of our history unit is:
How have toys and games changed?

During this history unit children will learn how toys have changed since their parents and grandparents were children. They will also be comparing toys from one hundred years ago.

You can help your child at home by discussing the toys you played with as a child, and showing them some of their toys from when they were babies.

In science children will be learning about animals, including humans. They will be identifying, describing and naming a variety of common animals, including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals. The children will learn to identify and name a variety of common animals that are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores.

Other news and updates about our class:

- We will have PE twice a week, on a Tuesday and Thursday.
- Reading books will be changed on Tuesdays.
- Please ensure your child brings their bookbag and reading book to school every day.
- No question is too small - pop in and see me if you have any questions about how you can help your child at home.

Our Mathematics Learning

This half term children will be learning addition and subtraction facts within 10. They will explore patterns of adding and subtracting 2, and link this to their existing knowledge of odd and even numbers. They will also be looking at halves and doubles.

In addition to this we have daily Mastering Number sessions to support mastery learning in maths.

You could help your child at home with their maths learning by:

- Reading and writing numbers
- Discussing their daily routine.
- Looking for numbers in the world around you.