

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, focusing on past tense verbs while developing their basic writing skills.

In phonics, children will begin Phase 5.5, learning new alternative 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 every night.
- Writing, colouring and drawing together.

In R.E., the children will learn what Christians believe God is like. They will explore the parables of The Lost Son and Jonah and the Big Fish and learn that Christians see God as loving and forgiving.

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 develop their understanding of everyday materials and their properties. In this unit, children will apply their knowledge to explore how materials are used. They will investigate the suitability of different materials for specific purposes.

Other news and updates about our class:

- Please ensure your child brings their reading book to school every day.
- We will have PE twice a week, on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please make sure earrings are removed at home on these days.
- No question is too small - pop in and see me if you have any questions about how you can help your child at home.
- On 1st April we have a trip to RHS Bridgewater, a letter will be sent out nearer the time with full details about this..

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.