



Year 1 Newsletter

November 2017



Welcome back after half term. The children have started this half term just as they finished the last, with hard work and enthusiasm. We are sure they will enjoy this next half term and the lead up to Christmas.

Topic

We have started our new topic 'The Great Fire of London'. The children will be beginning to discuss what they already know and what they want to find out. They will look closely at the events leading up to the fire and what happened after. The children will be ordering the main events using writing, drama and role-play to support. This topic will have a larger emphasis on art and craft. We'd be grateful for each child to bring a named cereal box into school next week please for one of our activities.

Keeping Warm and Water Bottles

As the weather continues to grow colder please send your child to school with a coat every day as we do try and go outside for playtime, even in light drizzle. Please also make sure hats, scarves and gloves are named where possible. Water bottles should be brought to school every day.

Computing

The children have learnt about e-safety last half term and we will be moving onto a new topic. The children will design and produce a Christmas e-card using the desktop computers.

RE

During this half term the children will look at a selection of themes including Remembrance, the Nativity story and what is special about them.

Spellings

Acre Spells will continue to be sent home each Monday to be handed in the following week. If your child is struggling to write a sentence for every word maybe you could scribe their ideas for one or two and encourage them to try more as time progresses.



Reading

Your child will continue to bring home reading books. It is vitally important that you try to listen to your child read as much as possible (ideally every day). Please remember to make a note of this in your child's book. Please feel free to leave any messages in this book, however if you feel that something has been missed, please speak to us in person. Please note that the children take part in a variety of reading related activities every day as well as 'guided reading' once a week but these will not appear in their record book. Guided reading is when children have chance to read books as a group which are harder than their own reading ability.

PE

Please can you ensure your child has a named indoor and outdoor kit in school at all times? The outdoor kit should include a tracksuit or jogging bottoms and hoodie with appropriate footwear. Girls who wear tights should remember to bring socks. If your child has pierced ears they also need to provide their own clearly labelled ear tape. All children will have PE on a Monday but please ensure it is here all week in case of extra activities.

Homework

Year 1 homework for this half term is reading comprehension. The children will be bringing home a pack of four comprehensions next week.



Completed homework should be brought into school by the week beginning 11th December. Please note that they can return them sooner if they have completed them.

We will be enhancing our topic by inviting a company called 'Historical Interpretations' to provide a Great Fire of London workshop. This will take place on Wednesday 29th November. We are asking for a £4 contribution per child to allow this experience to take place. We'd be grateful if you could send money in a clearly named envelope by Friday 24th November.



Thank you for your continued support, Mrs Baker, Mr Griffiths and Mrs Radge
For your information - next half term's topic will be 'The Titanic'.