

Year 1 Newsletter

Pentecost Term 2019

English

This term the children will begin by writing a recount. We will be learning the story of Hansel and Gretel. The children will be thinking of each of the characters and how they feel throughout the story. They will write what happens in the story from the point of view of the witch. Also, the children will be learning about rhythm and rhyming through poetry. The poems we will be studying will originate from groups of men that worked on ships many years ago. We will look at the vocabulary, the rhythm and beat to create our own class sea shanty poem.

Mathematics

This term we will be learning about halving and doubling. The children will be using a range of objects to support them to double and halve and also learn how to apply this to word problems. The children will be learning how to divide amounts using the technique of sharing. We are also learning about multiplication using two techniques: repeated addition and grouping. The children will be applying their learning to word problems. Your child will be sent home with a TT Rock Stars log on to help learn their times tables.

Topic

This term we will be exploring the topic of space. The children will be learning about the first animals and humans in space and how they travelled there. They will learn about the eight planets in our solar system by creating a planet booklet, using facts about each planet. They will also be designing and building their own space rocket through junk modelling.

PSHE

The children will be thinking about how we can make healthy choices and the impacts of their decisions.

Phonics

This term the children will be looking at different digraphs (two letters that represent one sound) and trigraphs (three letters that represent one sound). The children will be applying their understanding to read and spell a range of words independently.

Religious Education

This term we will be focussing on our topic of 'Holidays and Holy Days'. The children will be learning about what a Holy Day is and the story of the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The children will also be exploring the topic of 'Being Sorry'. The children will be reflecting on the importance of forgiving each other in order to follow in Jesus' footsteps.

Important notes

Please ensure that your child has their P.E. kit for the correct days.

1P and 1M - Monday (outside) and Wednesday (inside)

Please ensure that your child has outside and inside P.E uniform every week and that it is clearly labelled with their name and class.

How can you help at home?

We kindly ask that you read with your child at home. **Just 10 minutes a day** can make a big difference to their progress! Enjoy and develop a passion for books by sharing and discussing the text with your child. This will also encourage and develop thinking and comprehension skills. Your child can log on to 'Bug Club', listen to story tapes, or role play a story. Make reading fun - never a struggle. Every Wednesday your child will be set homework in their learning log and on MyMaths.co.uk. We ask that you encourage your child to complete this homework as independently as possible.