

Year 1 Newsletter

Lent Term 2020

English

In the first half of the Lent term, we will be looking at the difference between fiction and non-fiction texts. We will focus on an explanation text, 'Why is a polar bear a scary animal?'. We will then look at the fictional story of 'The Magic Porridge Pot' and focus on the different settings used within the story. The children will then create and describe their own settings.

Phonics

This term the children will be looking at Phase 5 in Letters and Sounds. This includes alternative spellings of sounds they have already learnt e.g. 'igh' spelt as 'ie'. This will help with reading a larger variety of words as well as improving their ability to spell.

Mathematics

During the first half of the Lent Term, Year One will be developing their skills in addition and subtraction up to 20, using a number line.

They will also have the opportunity to learn about weight and height through measuring, exploring and comparing objects.

During the second half term, children will be exploring the value of coins and ordering these by their value.

Also, children will be looking at mathematical movement such as half, quarter and full turns in a clockwise or anti-clockwise direction.

RE

We will be focussing on our topic of Special People. The children will be identifying people who are special to them and explaining how those people support them throughout their lives.

The children will also be learning about the roles of people who work within the Church, for example, a priest and discussing how they support a community.

Topic

This half term we will be exploring the topic of dinosaurs. The children will be learning about how fossils are formed and the role of palaeontologists. The children will be identifying different types of dinosaurs and recognising whether they were a carnivore or a herbivore. We will explore what may have caused the extinction of the dinosaurs.

Notes

Please ensure that your child brings in their PE kit on a Monday. They will bring it home on a Wednesday.

Please ensure that every part of your child's P.E. uniform is clearly labelled with their name and class.

How can you help at home?

PSHE

We will be encouraging the children to discuss the importance of personal hygiene and recognising the ways in which they keep themselves clean.

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. Every half term, your child will need to complete three activities in their learning passports. Every Wednesday, the children will be set a task on MyMaths.co.uk to complete. If you do not have access to a laptop or tablet, please let us know and we can help you with this.

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