

Class 1 Spring 2 Newsletter

Thank you to all the parents who attended our Tea and Tapestry evening. I hope you found it a more 'relaxing' way of looking at your child's learning. We are hoping to hold another one after Easter, date to be confirmed.

A reminder that Parent's Evenings are Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th March. Please sign up on the sheets in the school entrance if you haven't already done so.

Teaching Placement

We welcome Miss Brems to school this half term to complete a teaching placement. Miss Brems is part of a programme called School Direct which is affiliated to Sunderland University. Esh C.E. (Aided) Primary School is part of a cluster of five Primary Schools across the county who provide teaching placements to students completing their teaching qualification. Miss Brems will teach 50% of the timetable under the support and guidance of Mrs James. Any queries or questions please ask Mrs James.

TOPICS

Our topics for this half term include:-

- Space (which has been moved from last half term), Spring and Easter.
- In Science we will be learning about how materials react to heating and cooling particularly in relation to cooking.
- History will include finding out about Neil Armstrong and the first Lunar landing.
- In RE the children will be finding out about Easter by answering the question 'Why do Christians put a cross in an Easter Garden?'
- In computing we will be continuing to complete some coding work using programmes such ScratchJR, Beebots, Kodable and space themed coding on J2e.
- In Geography we are looking at the weather and 'landmarks' in the North East.
- As always we also want to follow the children's interests so new topics or activities are planned for as they arise.

Maths

Reception children will be beginning work on numbers to 20 using Ten Town as an introduction. They will begin to bring home their new Ten Town numbers.

Y1 children will continue to work on counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. They will begin to look at numbers to 100 by counting, finding out what the values of the numbers are, writing numbers and ordering numbers.

Both year groups will also complete measurement work on weight. Reception will learn to use language such as heavy, heavier, heaviest and light, lighter and lightest. They will learn how to use scales (pan balances) to use this vocabulary and compare objects. Y1 will use non-standard measurements e.g. how many cubes will balance an object, before moving onto introducing 1kg.

English

Reception will continue to follow the Read Write Inc programme to learn phonics and develop reading and writing.

Y1 will learn words with beginnings such as wr, wh and ph in spellings, continue with work on using proper nouns for people's names, place names, days of the week and months of the year.

Both year groups will complete writing activities linked to space - both fiction and non-fiction.

To celebrate World Book Day we will use the story Whatever Next by Jill Murphy to complete a range of practical activities.

PE

PE will take place on a Monday morning and Tuesday afternoon. Y1 will be developing early football skills. Both year groups will be completing work on apparatus to develop travelling, jumping, climbing and rolling.

Homework

Reception children will continue to practise reading and writing the Set 1 and Set 2 Speed Sounds which are in their homework books. They will also have new Ten Town numbers. Please get them to read as often as you can.

Y1's will need to continue to practise all Set 2 and Set 3 sounds in reading and spelling.

A reminder that free scheme e-books can be found on www.oxfordowl.co.uk which will supplement reading books we send home. Phonics games particularly aimed at word building can be found on www.phonicsplay.co.uk

School Trip

Class 1 will visit Durham Cathedral on Tuesday 19th March as part of our work in RE and Geography. A separate letter will be sent out this week with further details.

We look forward to an exciting term and thank you for your continuing support.

Mrs James, Mrs Wilson, Miss Hunter and Miss Young.