

Year 1 Autumn Term 2

Curriculum Newsletter



Friday 2nd November 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to everyone after the half-term break! The children are already very busy with our new '**Sparkle and Shine**' topic. This is a science-based unit of work which revolves around light and dark. We are very much looking forward to the trip to Winchester science centre and Planetarium. During the visit we are hoping the children will continue to be inspired by the awe and wonder of space.



As part of '**Sparkle and Shine**', your child will be learning all about light sources, reflective materials and shadows. This topic will also involve some history work; the children will be finding out about the first moon landing by the Apollo 11 crew in 1969.

Oral history is a valuable experience for children learning about the past and we hope to invite people to share personal recollections of this event with Year 1. If you have any family members with memories to share about watching this event when it happened, please contact your child's teacher!



In English the children will be learning to write a set of instructions to make a shadow puppet. They will learn how to use conjunctions to extend their sentences and look at different imperative verbs to make their instructions clear. In phonics the children will continue to learn the new phase 5 digraphs. You should have received the spelling list for this half term. Please practise these words with your child as they will be tested on these words at the end of this half term.

In mathematics the children will learn different strategies to add and subtract numbers to 10. They will count, order and write numbers to 20 and learn how to use the greater and less than sign to compare numbers.



For the children's home Learning Project this half-term we would like the children to find out about nocturnal animals, such as owls, bats and badgers. This project is due in on **Friday 16th November**. Please see the home learning letter for additional information.

Please ensure that book bags are brought into school every day with the reading scheme book and the reading diary. Both may be required for reading or phonic activities. It really supports children's reading development to read regularly at home as well as in school. Please remember to write a little comment in your child's reading diary when you read at home so that we can continually monitor their progress and work together on their targets. We will write detailed comments when we read 1 to 1 with your child, or if there is something they have excelled at or struggled with in guided reading sessions.



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Year 1 team

Miss Prior, Mrs Arnott, Mrs Kennedy and Mrs Smith.