

Year 1 Autumn Term 2

Curriculum Newsletter

Friday 8th November

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to everyone after the half-term break! Our topic for this half term is '**Wild at heart**'. This is a science-based unit of work where the children categorise animals into their different groups. The children had a great time with Zoolab earlier this week where children had the chance to learn about different animal groups (amphibians, reptiles, mammals, birds and fish). They also learnt about herbivores, carnivores and omnivores and what each group eat as part of their diet.



Writing

In Writing, the children have written firework poems this week. They will also be using the knowledge they have gained from their scientific learning to create animal fact files as well as instructions based on our text 'How to wash a woolly mammoth'.

Phonics

In phonics, the children will continue to learn the new phase 5 digraphs through the Little Wandle programme. On a Friday, the children will bring home spellings for you to practise reading and writing to help consolidate their learning of these new sounds in class.

Mathematics

In mathematics the children will learn different strategies to add and subtract numbers to 20. They will learn the number bonds to 10 and 20 and use this to help them to add and subtract, e.g. I know $7 + 4 = 11$ because I know $7 + 3 = 10$ and 1 more makes 11. They will write addition and subtraction sentences in different ways and explore where the equals sign goes in a number sentence, e.g. $20 = 7 + 13$ or $13 + 7 = 20$.



Wider Curriculum

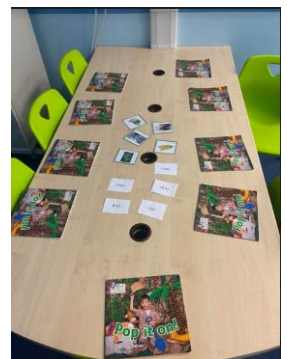
This half term, the children will be doing both indoor and outdoor PE. Please ensure your child has suitable PE clothes for outside activity such as long trousers, trainers and a jacket. We suggest that your child brings in their PE bag on a Monday and keeps it in school for the week.

Reading



It really supports children's reading development to read regularly at home as well as in school. Please continue to sign the diary to show you've read with your child at home.

We will read with your child in small groups 3 times a week as part of our reading sessions. These sessions cover decoding (word reading), prosody (reading with expression) and comprehension. This same book will be given to your child to take home on a Friday and must be returned the following Thursday. If the books are not returned, this has a huge impact on our reading program as we need a whole set of books in order to run a reading session (see photo). As previously mentioned, if the physical book is not returned we will no longer be issuing your child with a physical book. An e-book will be given as an alternative. We will also read with your child 1:1 this half term and write a comment about your child's reading.



Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

The Year 1 team