

Class 1's Newsletter

Happy New Year!

This term our topics will be Weather and The Great Fire of London.

Spellings

Year 1 spellings will be given on a **FRIDAY** and children will have a chance to show what they have learnt the following **FRIDAY** in small groups. Please support your child to complete three spelling attempts each week as this does help them to correctly spell during independent writing. Spelling books need to be returned to school every Friday.

Homework

Homework will be given every Friday in a 'homework book' and will be due in by **Wednesday** of the following week.

PE

PE sessions will be on a **Monday, Tuesday and Friday**. Children will be doing gymnastics, this half term. Please send P.E kit for working indoors. I will let you know when the children will need PE kits suitable for outdoors. As PE days can change from time to time, please send kits into school on a Monday and they will be returned home on a Friday.

Please name all PE kit clearly as we do struggle to sort unnamed items of clothing.

Topic: Weather

Numeracy sessions will cover: number and place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division strategies, fractions, measurement, geometry and statistics.

Our literacy sessions will cover: poetry, recounts, explanations and information texts. In addition, there will be opportunities to develop writing for different purposes across the curriculum.

During science sessions, children will explore materials and their properties.

Computing sessions will focus on e-safety, programming, handling data and multimedia.

Our topic sessions will encompass: history, geography, art and DT. We will be learning about weather patterns in the United Kingdom, including seasonal change. Later in the term, we will be learning about the Great Fire of London.

This half term, RE sessions will focus on Judaism. Later in the term we plan to visit Durham Cathedral to learn about the life of Saint Cuthbert. Details of the trip will follow.

Every Thursday we will be joined by Miss Fraser and Miss Lister, first years students from Durham University. They will be teaching some sessions, supported by Mrs Reynolds.

We are now encouraging children to leave toys at home as these can get lost and children get quite upset. They can instead, bring in a book from home that will be shared with the class that day. Thank you for your support with this.

If you have any questions, worries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

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