

Key Stage 1 curriculum letter – Spring 2018

Welcome back to school, we wish you all a Happy New Year and hope that you have enjoyed the holiday.

This term our topic is called 'I'll tell you a story' which will include work on traditional tales. To kick start this unit of work the Hobgoblin Theatre Company will be visiting the school to perform their rendition of Hansel and Gretel on Tuesday 9th January. If you haven't done so already, please return the relevant letter to your child's class teacher.

Reading

We will continue to read regularly with all children in guided reading sessions and include daily reading activities throughout the week. In Years 1 and 2 children are expected to continue their regular reading practise at home as homework; we ask that you continue to initial and date the diary to show that you have listened to your child read. As well as listening and supporting their reading at home it is important to talk about the content of the book to check their understanding. If anyone would like help with this please do come and see your child's class teacher and we will be more than happy to give you guidance. As they reach the awards in their diaries we will put their names in the weekly newsletter to celebrate their achievement.

Spellings

This term spelling homework will continue for those who already receive it and will be introduced to some of the other phonics groups. In school we will be encouraging the children to use our spelling computer programme 'Spellodrome' which they can access through the Mathletics site. We ask that you continue to use Spellodrome at home alongside their homework as another way to practise their words/certain spelling patterns.

Phonics

Where appropriate we will be sending home extra flashcards for practising certain phonics sounds. These sounds are tailored to your child's needs and have been taken from their recent phonics assessments. We ask that you practise them on a regular basis alongside your child's keywords. As we approach the Yr 1 phonics screening test we may also send home word cards with 'real' and 'silly' words on them. You will be advised of this if/when it happens.

Maths

We will continue to develop a wide range of maths skills through daily numeracy lessons. Mathletics is available for all children to use at home to help and improve their maths skills. Year 2 children will continue to have a Minute maths sheets as homework. Please continue to fill in the first three columns only, as the last column will be used in school to assess whether they are ready to move on or need further practise. Year 2 homework may change slightly throughout the term as we prepare for the SATs arithmetic paper. Again you will be advised of this if/when it happens.

P.E

P.E. lessons will take place twice a week and this term lessons will be gym and dance. **Please ensure** your child has PE kit in school all week as we sometimes need to change the days. Children will need shorts and T-shirts [not jogging bottoms which can get caught up in apparatus]. Girls will need long hair tied up and if

possible children should not wear earrings. Where this is not possible they must be covered with tape for safety reasons.

Show and Tell

In **Swallow** class this will usually be on **Thursday** afternoons. Dates and names will be displayed in your child's classroom. Show and Tell this term is something you have done or somewhere you have been i.e. a hobby or place you have visited.

Class Helpers

If you would like to help in the classroom we welcome your support, please speak to your child's teacher to arrange suitable times.

Drinks bottles

It is important for children to have access to drinking water. Please ensure that your child has a drinks bottle filled with fresh water for use during the day.

Concerns

If you have any concerns at any time, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher. We will always do our best to address any issues that may arise.

Yours sincerely,

The Key stage 1 team - Miss Parsons, Miss Staniland and Mrs Crowe