

Key Stage 1 curriculum letter – Spring 2020

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. During this term we will have the Hobgoblin Theatre Company coming in to perform Jack and the Beanstalk to the children. We will send a letter with the date and further information in the first few weeks back.

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.

Some children will also continue to receive key words to learn at home.

Spellings

You child will continue to receive their weekly spellings homework. Please practice the words at home with your child in readiness for their spelling test each Tuesday. We will also continue teaching these in our phonics groups.

Learning Log

We have updated these with a new sheet of activities to complete. Please try and do at least one of these activities each week. There continues to be a mixture of art, practical and written activities to choose from. We really love seeing the amazing learning your child is doing at home!

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

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

Dates and names will be displayed in your child's classroom.

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 - Mr Austin, Miss Staniland and Mrs McDonnell, Mrs Lord, Mrs Sumner and Mrs Moore.