



# KS1 Newsletter Autumn 2 2016

## English

This term we will be focusing on information texts about nocturnal animals. We will also enjoy reading and writing about some stories linked to our topic. We made a start to our term by writing firework poems- the children had some great ideas!

We will continue working on various spellings, grammar and punctuation, including using question marks.

## Maths

Week 1: Numbers to 100, including counting in 2's, 5's and 10's.

Week 2: Addition & Subtraction

Week 3: Measurement- time, including days of the week

Week 4: Multiplication

Week 5: Division

Week 6: Fraction



## Topic

Our topic this term is 'Day and Night'. We will be looking at the differences between day and night, animals which come out at night and learning all about 'a starry night' in Art. You can get involved in our topic by ready a 'bedtime story' to your child. We wonder if Year 2 children could write their own bedtime stories?

## RE

We will be starting our new focus this term, 'incarnation'. Our first week focuses on designing a bedroom for baby Jesus. Over the next few weeks we will move on to think about why Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus, learn about Christmas and write about what we are thankful for.

## Important Reminders

PE: All children must wear the correct kit which includes joggers, shorts, t-shirt, jogging top, plimsolls and trainers. Please also remember to add a spare pair of socks if your child wears tights. Earrings **MUST** be removed or children cannot take part in PE.

Library: Please remember to return any library books borrowed. If your child enjoys a particular book, they can always borrow the same book again.

Water bottles: Please ensure your child's reading book is labelled as we have quite a few that are not labelled and the children do not know who they belong to. Thank you for your support with this issue.

## Thank You

We would like to say a big thank you to our wonderful parent helpers who give up some of their time to come in and help hear readers, change books etc...

If you are interested in helping out in any way please speak to your child's class teacher. Your help really does make such a difference.

## Buried Treasure

We will continue to send out coins for the buried treasure game each Friday. Please keep these at home and spent time going back through previous words as this will really help to build your child's confidence and ability to apply their phonic knowledge. Year 2's continue to spell 5 real words too.

We are working hard in school to prepare the Year 1's and some Year 2's ready for the phonics screening check, and know that your support helps.

Please do not send these into school, they are purely to be used at home- we do seem to have some left in wallets.

## Reading

We are really pleased with the number of children who read regularly at home because it really does make a difference to their ability to decode new words, talk about what they have read and to learn other key skills.

It would be really helpful if whoever hears your child read at home could write in their reading record book to let us know that they have read. Books will not be changed if there are no comments in the reading record.

## Spellings

The children have completed their first set of spellings and were given a new set at the end of last term. Please keep your child's spelling book at home until the last week of term. Practise writing the words in sentences, writing them in a different order. It will also help if your child practises how to form the letters, naming the letter.

## Christmas Activities

This year all the KS1 classes will be rehearsing for 'Christmas with the Aliens'. Ticket information will be sent out in a couple of weeks. We are busy sorting out roles for all the children, lots of auditions took place before the break therefore any speaking parts will be sent home shortly. We will also sort out most of the costumes, however there may be one or two items which are needed and therefore we will send out a slip if your child requires any additional items of clothing.



Time is certainly flying!