



**Class 1 Newsletter**

**Term 3 2020**

What we are learning

A very Happy New Year to you all and welcome back to Term 3!

This term’s Topic is called, Take One Book. Our main book focus in Class 2 will be Julia Donaldson’s wonderful Gruffalo story. The children have already started to experience role play with the different characters and also started to learn a Gruffalo dance to kick off our topic. There are more activities which you might like to look at online at <http://www.gruffalo.com/>. We will also be reading and comparing other Julia Donaldson stories. If your child would like to bring any in we will read them in school during our class story time.

Our focus in Science is Animals, including Humans. We will be looking at how the human body is similar and different to different animal species. We will group animals according to their characteristics.

In maths, we will start the term by exploring aspects of Geometry/shape where we will be consolidating our understanding of the properties of 2D shapes and learning more about common 3D shapes. The rest of the term, our focus will be number and we will be working on place value and addition and subtraction within 20. Also, the children love using Mathletics in class sessions and there’s always lots for them to do on this online programme at home; look out for set tasks. The times tables songs are good fun too – we are using the 2x, 5x and 10x table’s songs. We are working towards becoming a Times Tables Rock Star – more to come later about that in Year 1. We will continue to consolidate number bonds to 10 and work weekly on our targets.

PE this term will be a mixture of dance and multi-skills on Mondays and Tuesdays. The children will be developing their balance through a variety of activities, challenges and games, while also building the personal skills needed for playing team games and competition. They will also learn to dance like the Gruffalo!

In DT, our project this term will be making finger puppets.

Dates for this term

Book week - Monday 27th – 31st January

Bedtime Stories – Wed 28th January

Termly Reminders

Please can you make sure that your children have their **PE kits in school** **at all times**. We are finding that a number of children are regularly without PE kit and therefore cannot always access this area of the curriculum dressed appropriately. **The children’s PE kit should include a white t-shirt, black shorts and daps or trainers for outdoor activities, as well as jogging bottoms and a sweatshirt for the cold weather. We will be doing P.E. sessions outside wherever possible.**

As always - please, please can you make sure all items of clothing are named! Children are always misplacing their jumpers or cardigans and once named they are so easy to return to their rightful owner!

Homework in Year 1 is still **reading daily** and writing a comment or simply signing the children’s reading folder so we know that the book has been read. We will also soon be sending home some phonics words for you to look at with your child to practise reading. Look out for this after our Phonics meeting on 23rd January at 3.15 in our Classroom.

If you would like to find out more about the Phonics taught in Year 1 beforehand and to access interactive games and printable resources, then go to

<https://www.theschoolrun.com/english/phonics>

If you cannot make the meeting please come and see us and we’ll arrange another time to chat.

And finally…

The children will be coming home with real and fake words to practise reading in preparation for the Year 1 phonics test in June. More information can be found on this website:

<https://www.theschoolrun.com/year-1-phonics-screening-check>

Thank you **for your continued support.**