

Key Stage One Newsletter

Spring 1 2024



Happy New Year!

We hope that you have all had a lovely Christmas and a very Happy New Year! Welcome to 2024!

Our learning this half term

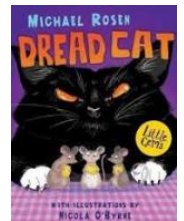
Our **English** texts for this half term are 'How to Hide a Lion' with a non-fiction focus. We will be writing an imagined newspaper report and a diary entry based on this text. We will then be writing diamante poems based on lions and desktop publishing these in our computing lessons. In the last weeks of the half term we will then study the animation of 'The Black Hat' and use this to inspire some poetry.

In **science** our enquiry question is 'Why are materials chosen in design?' We will be looking at what different objects are made from and how materials are selected for different purposes. We will also be investigating how we can sort different materials according to their properties. In addition to this we will look at the season of winter and its associated weather. Please use the attached knowledge organiser with your child to support this learning.

In our **R.E.** lessons we will look at how Christians celebrate important times of life, including Holy Communion, Baptism, wedding ceremonies and pilgrimage.

In **geography** we will be looking at the world's seven continents and five oceans, including how to locate these using maps and atlases.

In **art** we will be using acrylic paints in our unit of learning about expressive painting. We will explore colour mixing and intentional mark making. Our focus artists will be Marelá Zacarías and Charlie French.



Our guided reading text for this half term is **Dread Cat** by **Michael Rosen**:

Maths

In maths this half term we will be learning to:

- name 3D shapes
- count edges, vertices and faces on 3D shapes
- add equal groups
- make arrays
- write multiplication sentences
- sharing and grouping linked to division
- double and halve numbers
- recognise and investigate odd and even numbers

Spelling and Maths Shed



Spelling homework will be set on Spelling Shed each week and a paper copy of the spellings to practise will also be sent home. Spellings will be tested during our phonics session on **Friday**. In addition, your child will **now receive weekly times table homework each week on MathShed**.



Reading

Please make sure that you read with your child as often as possible, and **at least 4 times per week**. This really does make a difference in helping children to enjoy reading and helps to reinforce their phonics learning. **Reading diaries will be checked weekly** Children who have their reading diary signed 4 times each week will receive House Points and a reward at the end of the half term. Your child will have a set day for changing their reading books each week.

The reading treat at the end of this half term will be: **Toy Hour**

As always, if you have any questions please feel free to come and ask one of us!

Many thanks for your support!

Miss Hislop, Miss Gallacher, Mrs Trenowden and Miss Heaton ☺

Wood

We can make **tables, chairs** and some **toys** from wood because it is **hard**. It can be **rough** or **smooth**.



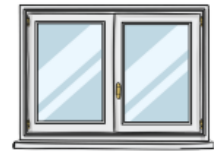
Metal

We can make **cars, spoons** and some **musical instruments** from metal because it is **hard** and **smooth**. You can't see through it.



Glass

We can make **windows, mirrors** and **glasses** from glass because it is **hard** and see through. It is very **fragile**.



Plastic

We can make **toys** and **food packaging** from plastic because it is **smooth** and **strong**. It can be **hard** or **bendy**.



Rubber

We can make **wellington boots, car tyres** and **bouncy balls** from rubber because it is squashy and **waterproof**. You can **bend** it.



Paper

We can make **wrapping paper** and **books** from paper because it is **smooth**. It can tear easily.



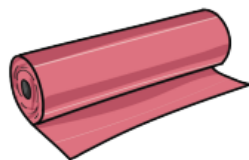
Rock

We can make **tiles** and some **jewellery** from rock because it can be **hard**. Some rock can also be **fragile**.



Fabric

We can make **clothes** and **bedding** from fabric because it is **soft**. It is usually **smooth**.



Brick

We can make **buildings** from brick because it is very **hard**. It can be **rough**.



Continents and Oceans

