

Key Stage One Newsletter

Spring 2 2023



We hope you all had a lovely half term break! This half term sees the start of brighter mornings and longer days, as well as the start of warmer weather (hopefully!) A busy half term ahead!

Our learning this half term

In English we will start the half term with the well-known poem of 'The Owl and the Pussy-cat' by Edward Lear, where we will be writing letters as well as looking at the use of rhyme in the poems. We will also read 'The Further Adventures of the Owl and the Pussy-cat' by Julia Donaldson as a sequel. Towards the end of the half term we will study the text 'The Odd Egg' where we will write our own egg-spotters non-fiction guides.

In **science** we will be looking at the animal groups of mammals, amphibians, reptiles, fish and birds, as well as looking at which animals are herbivores, carnivores or omnivores. We will then learn about basic needs of survival and how animals have offspring which turn into adults.

In our **geography** lessons we will look at the continents of the world and the oceans. We will then be comparing the UK to a non-European country and looking at geographical differences and similarities.

In our **R.E.** lessons we will be learning about the Easter story with a focus on the resurrection. Our big enquiry this half term is: 'How important is it for Christians that Jesus came back to life after the crucifixion?'



Maths

In maths this half term we will be learning to:

- Compare amounts of money
- Calculate change
- Measure with cm
- Measure and interpret scales for mass, volume and temperature

KS1 educational visit

We have provisionally booked a KS1 trip for **Thursday 6th July**. If you hold a current school DBS check and would be able to help on this day, please let one of us know! More details to follow.

Spelling and Maths Shed



Spellings 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 continue to receive weekly times table homework each week on Math Shed. This will be set to the current times table they are working on in class.



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

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 become fluent and successful readers. **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.

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

Continents and Oceans

Globe



Africa



Europe



Arctic Ocean



Pacific Ocean



continent



Antarctica



North America



Atlantic Ocean



Southern Ocean



ocean



Asia



South America



Indian Ocean



map



Australia



Why not regularly test your child on how many of the continents and oceans they can remember?

