

Key Stage One Newsletter Autumn 2 2024



Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely half term! This half term is always the busiest half term in the run up to Christmas, with the Christmas nativity slowly creeping up on us (a letter about this will be sent out at a later date.)

KS1 nativity dates: Monday 9th December at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday 10th December at 10:00 a.m.

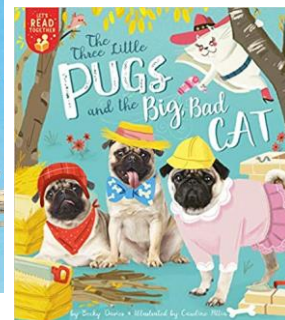
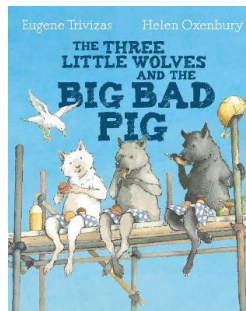
Our learning this half term

In **English** we will start the half term with a poetry unit based on 'Where the Poppies Now Grow.' We will read the text, understand the importance of Remembrance Sunday and write our own acrostic poems. We will then word process these in our computing lessons. We will then be comparing and contrasting spin-off versions of the Three Little Pigs. We will read the story of 'The Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig' along with 'The Three Little Pugs and the Big Bad Cat' before writing our own spin-off of the classic story.

In **science** we will be finishing our learning about materials, looking at which materials can change shape by bending, twisting, squashing and stretching (see next page for some key vocabulary.) We will then look at seasonal changes and the season of autumn. In some of our science lessons we will be looking at sustainability and change and how single-use plastic can be harmful to the environment, thinking about ways we can reduce our plastic use.

In our **R.E.** lessons we will look at Christmas as a Christian celebration, including the Christmas story and the reasons for Jesus' birth.

In **history** we will be continuing with our work on the history of the monarchy and the changes in the monarchy within and beyond our living memory. In **DT** we will end the half term with a sewing project (we may be looking for a few parent volunteers to help with this!)



Our guided reading text for this half term is After the Fall:

Maths

In maths this half term we will be learning to:

- add 3 1-digit numbers
- add a 1-digit number to a 2-digit number
- subtract a 1-digit number from a 2-digit number
- add 2 2-digit numbers
- 10 more and 10 less than a 2-digit number
- missing number problems

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 **receive times table or number bond homework each week on MathShed**.



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

Many thanks for your support!

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. **Online reading diaries will be checked weekly** Children who have their reading logged 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 Giles and Miss Heaton ☺

Changing the shape of materials



We can change the shape of some **objects** by —

squashing them
bending them
twisting them
and stretching them.

It is useful to be able to **change the shape** of some materials.

Fabric needs to be stretchy so that clothes fit our bodies. Imagine if socks weren't **stretchy**!

Some materials cannot be changed which is also useful.

Brick needs to be **strong and firm**. Imagine if bricks for houses were **bendy**!

Key Vocabulary

brick - a hard, strong and rough material used to build houses

fabric - a soft material used to make clothes

glass - a hard but fragile material that is usually transparent and is used to make windows

material - the matter from which an object is made

metal - a material used to make cars, cutlery and some musical instruments; it is usually strong, hard and shiny

paper - a material that can easily tear used to make books and wrapping paper

plastic - a material used to make bottles, toys and food packaging; it can be strong, but some plastics can also be squashed

properties - a characteristic of something

rock - a strong and hard material used to make roof tiles

rubber - a bendy material used to make car tyres and wellington boots

wood - a material made from trees that is used to make furniture