

Year 1 Deal Term 2 Newsletter

Welcome back to a new term. I hope you all had a wonderful half term and are looking forward to our fun filled (Christmas filled!) new term! 😊

We have had a brilliant first couple of days back and I have been so impressed with all of the children in Deal class showing our school values and being amazing motivated monkeys.

The term ahead looks to be a busy one with our school trip and lots of fun activities to take part in. I'm looking forward to continuing the year as we started and having all children in Deal class showing what superstars they are.

Mrs Gosling and Mrs Parsons

Maths 1⁺2⁺3

As part of our maths learning we will focus on writing numbers correctly, as well as addition, subtraction and number bonds to 10 and 20.

In our maths topic, we will be looking into the days of the week and months of the year. We will also be learning positional language such as: below, behind, right/left etc.

We will continue counting and recognising numbers up to 100. Counting forwards and backwards from any given number, focusing on numbers to 50. We will be identifying one more and less.

We will also continue with counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. There's lots of songs to sing along to on YouTube!

Topmarks

Practise your counting forwards and back using Top marks games!

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/>

Play 'Helicopter Rescue', its lots of fun!

English!

Our non-fiction focus will be on explanation texts. What happens when autumn turns to winter? This will link with our topic subject of seasons.

Our focus text will be 'Where the Wild Things Are', which is a story about a boy who goes on a journey to a mysterious island where the 'wild things' live.

In poetry, we will create our own firework shape poems.

Phonics

In phonics we will complete phase 4 and begin phase 5.

You can practise your child's phonics at home by going onto the phonics play website and playing the games on there.

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

Please continue to read with your child at home every day. Early reading during is so important, just reading once a day for a short amount of time will be very beneficial.

When using the internet at home, please encourage your child to use the safe search engine **Kiddle**.

www.kiddle.co.uk

This site is run by Google and has safe search functions built into it to help protect children.

The Seasonal Journey

This term our main focus will be science, looking at the seasons and the weather. Our learning lift off will be a fun seasonal walk to Elms Vale Park.

We will be completing a daily weather diary and discuss how it changes. We will also be exploring why we adapt our routines, clothing and activities due to seasonal changes. We will be discussing how day length varies and what we do over the year can change depending on what time it gets light or dark. As an exciting learning landing, we will also make a weather report just like on the news!

At the beginning of the term we have Bonfire Night to look forward to. We will look at Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot to begin to understand why we celebrate this night.

In art we, will look into the sculpture and land art of Andy Goldsworthy. We will gather our own natural resources and create our own land art and sculptures. We will also practise mixing primary colours to create secondary colours, we will make a collaborative landscape to showcase this skill!

Reminders:

- PE kits for Monday. Ideally earrings should be left at home as we are not able to put tape on them or remove them for the children.
- Spellings are given out termly to practise at home.
- Daily reading recorded in planners and signed.
- Home learning is issued termly and can be handed in when completed.
- Correct uniform please, including shoes. Boots may be worn during the winter months. Any problems or concerns, please write a note in the student's home contact book.
- Please label your children's clothes clearly.
- Please ensure children are not wearing nail varnish.

In PSHE...

We will focus on the question 'Who is special to us?' Focusing especially on families.

In Computing...

We will be discussing how to be kind online. We will also look at parts of a computer and what they are used for.

In Music...

We will be performing songs and word-pattern chants with a focus on pitch.

In RE...

We will continue thinking of the question 'Who is Christian and what do they believe?' We will be thinking about what Christians might believe and think is important.

Thank you for reading our newsletter 😊

If you need to contact me, please contact the office or put a note in your child's contact book. I will also be available after school at pick up time.