

Class 1/2 Newsletter

Welcome back Class 1/2!

We hope you had a lovely, well-deserved Christmas break and would like to say a massive welcome back to the first half of our Spring term. This half term we have a lot of things to look forward to including: a themed 50s day, a visiting Safari and a trip to 'This Green Moon'.

Core subjects

In Maths, we will be continuing to embed our multiplication and division skills. We will be beginning to delve into the world of statistics by looking at simple tables, tally chart, pictograms and block diagrams. Along with exploring the properties of both 2-D and 3-D shapes.

In English, we will be reading the beloved book 'The Gruffalo' by Julia Donaldson. Using The Gruffalo as our inspiration, we will be crossing into a few different genres including poetry and riddles as well as lots of descriptive story writing.

In Science we will be continuing to look at habitats and living things, focusing specifically on their particular food chains.

Wider Curriculum

Geography- looking at the four countries of the UK and the compare the climates of other countries around the world

History- The 1950s! Looking at the difference between the modern day and how things were in the 1950s when Julia Donaldson grew up.

Art- The artist Claude Monet and exploring the impressionist style

DT- To explore different foods and where they come from

RE- Looking at the Muslim faith and their festivals

Computing- using algorithms and debugging systems

PE- dance with Elite and Fitness and Ball skills

PSHCE- Thinking about our emotions, what they mean and who can help us

Homework We begin official weekly homework after Christmas, a weekly Literacy and Numeracy but for now the following will be sent each week...

- **Reading** -please try to listen to your child read at least twice, send reading diaries and books into school each day.
- **Rainbow Passport** – this will be test on Tuesdays and Fridays
- **Spellings and Phonics**- sent out on a Thursday and tested the following Thursday.

Any problems or concerns then please don't hesitate to see a member of the team and we will be more than happy to help.



P.E.

- Tuesday pm
- Thursday pm

Please ensure the correct kit is sent into school and left in lockers all week. Kit that is labelled with names is even more helpful for changing times!

How you can help your child:

- Listen to them read as much as possible and talk about what they have read, read a range of books, stories and comics at home.
- Practise their weekly spellings/phonics and have a go at putting them into sentences too.
- Practise Rainbow Passports
- Practise number bonds to 10/20/100 say them quickly.
- Learn the 2, 5 and 10 times tables off by heart and say them quickly.

Key dates:

- 1950s Themed Day – 15th January.
- Sam Safari visiting KS1 – 24th January.
- This Green Moon Trip Year 1 – 5th February
- This Green Moon Trip Year 2 – 6th February