



Year One Newsletter: Spring 1 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! We hope you've had a lovely break over Christmas. Here are a few notes about this term to help you understand what we are learning about and to give some extra information and useful reminders.


Our topic this half term will be *Night and Day!* We will be learning all about nocturnal and diurnal animals and where the sun goes at night. In English we will be reading a selection of books including *A Tale of Two Feathers* and *Funny Bones*. We will be sharing a short film which will be launched after school at our exciting *One Dark Night* event.

Our theme in Art will be *Starry Night* by Van Gogh. In maths we continue to learn to count, read and write numbers. We shall explore a range of calculations using addition and subtraction; we will also look at shapes and their properties.

In PE we will learn about spatial awareness within gymnastics, as well as mastering basic movements such as running, jumping and travelling. During music, we will practise rhythm and compose our own music. We would like to thank you for your continued support and welcome any volunteers in school or on our educational visits throughout the year. Further details of our curriculum can be found on the school website.

We would welcome any donations of junk modelling or loose parts for our creative areas eg. buttons, boxes, wool and tubes.

Please could you provide your child with a water bottle in school. They will be sent home each Friday to be washed and returned for the following week. Please feel free to come and see us with any queries or suggestions.

Our Learning Theme		Important Dates:	
		21.01.20 One Dark Night! 14.02.20 Year 1 Assembly 14.02.20 Break up for half term	
Homework	Learning Log	PE Days	
Each child will change their reading book each week. Please continue to sign the reading record. We are looking for those star readers! We will set phonics homework every week and Maths LBH (Learn By Heart) homework will be set fortnightly (in the back of homework books). All homework to be sent out on a Friday to be returned the following Thursday.	To enhance our topic we are having an after school event called <i>One Dark Night!</i> During the event the children and yourselves will enjoy a short film with hot chocolate and star biscuits. Then you will be invited to explore the hall by torchlight in a nocturnal animal hunt. The event will run from 4pm till 5pm. We look forward to seeing you all there.	Monday - outdoor Wednesday – indoor Please ensure your child attends school in a full PE kit, in school colours, for those days including trainers for outdoor PE.	



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Curriculum		
English	Maths	Science
<p>Text: <i>A Tale of Two Feathers</i> <i>Funny Bones</i> Describing settings Poetry</p>	<p>We will be learning to count, read and write numbers to 20 and beyond in numerals and words and also identify one more or one less from a given number.</p> <p>Children will learn how to identify and represent numbers using objects and pictorial representations including the number line, and use the language of: equal to, more than, less than (fewer), most, least. We will be looking at 2D and 3D shapes and their properties.</p>	<p>This term we are going to be exploring animals from around the world and whether they are nocturnal or diurnal.</p>
Humanities	Art/DT	Computing
<p>We will be looking at night and day around the world.</p>	<p>Our theme in Art will be light and dark shades and shadows. We will be looking at the artist Vincent Van Gogh.</p>	<p>We are going to learning how to use Pic-Collage to independently record our work.</p>
Other:		Year One Team
<p>RE: We will be learning about special stories and their meanings.</p> <p>PSHCE:</p> <p>Music: Rhythm and pulse. To play tuned and un-tuned instrument's and to compose our own music.</p>		<p>Mrs Harrison 1H Class Teacher Mrs Morrow 1M Class Teacher Mrs Morgan Higher Level Teaching Assistant Mrs Hall Teaching Assistant Miss Nazib Teaching Assistant Mrs Baxter 1:1 support Miss Sayers 1:1 support Miss Mahmood 1:1 support</p>