

Class 1 Newsletter

September 2014

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you have had a great time over the holidays and found the opportunity to relax and prepare for the year ahead.

Topics

In Numeracy the children will be strengthening their problem solving skills and practising counting, the four operations and doubling or halving in practical contexts. During our Literacy lessons, the children will continue to take part in the Read, Write Inc programme which will build upon their phonetical knowledge and improve their ability to read and write. The children will be covering the unit 'Everyday Materials' during Science this term. In R.E the children will be studying the unit 'Places in Christianity', where they will be thinking about the qualities which make a place special for a Christian. During our Topic lessons this term, the children will be learning about dinosaurs. We hope to hold a 'Dinosaur Museum' on Monday 20th October 2014 at 2.45pm so please keep this date free if possible.

Reading Books

All the children will be assessed this week and will be given a reading book to match their reading ability. It is vital that your child regularly reads at home and I would be grateful if their reading record can be filled in accordingly. This allows me to monitor their progress and provide extra support if needed.

If you wish to discuss your child's progress and shelf level in reading or would like advice on how to support your child, then please make an appointment with me to discuss the matter or catch me after school.

Homework

In addition to reading at home, the children in Class 1 will also be expected to learn a list of words each week which will support their Phonics programme. It is therefore important that the children take the time to learn these words and become able to both read and write the words from memory. I have attached the list of words for the year with this letter. Please note that the first spelling test will be on Monday 15th September 2014.

Curriculum Evening

I would also like to invite all parents and carers to a curriculum evening on the 8th September 2014 at 3.15pm for approximately 20 minutes. This will be an opportunity for me to share with you information about the curriculum and teaching methods in Class 1, in particular Phonics and Numicon. This evening will also provide further detail on the expectations for the children in Class 1 regarding homework, reading and independent learning. This evening will also be an opportunity for me to get to know you and answer any questions you may have.

I look forward to seeing you on if possible.

Best Wishes,

Mrs Newton