

Happy New Year! We hope that you all had a good holiday and enjoyed the festive season. We wanted to say a big thank you for the lovely Christmas cards and gifts we received. We are all very grateful! The children have made a great start to this half term and are enjoying our new learning.

This is what we will be learning about this term.

English – In English we will begin by describing some magical creatures including Bog Babies and dragons before completing our own fact file on dragons. If the children have any favourite books about dragons at home, they are very welcome to bring them in to share with the class.



Maths – We will spend this start of this term looking at the numbers 11-20 before moving on to addition and subtraction within 20. Our aim is to learn many of these facts off by heart.



Art – Exploring lines and marks



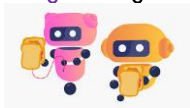
PE – Attack and Defence



PSHE – Dreams and Goals



Computing – Algorithms



RE – Friendship



Music – In the groove



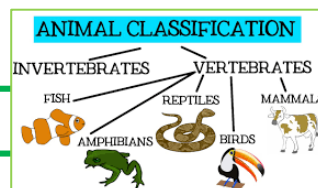
Geography

Our topic for this term is a Geography topic. Our big question is "How can I find where I live on a map?" We will be starting by learning how to find our school on a map and talking about local landmarks. After half term we will be moving on to learn about the UK.



Science

This term we will be learning about animals. Our big question is **How am I different from a fish, bird, reptile or amphibian?** We will be learning about humans and how our senses work. We will then be comparing ourselves to other animals and thinking about their characteristics.



Phonics

We will be soon sending home a phonics update with sounds, words and spellings the children are learning and practicing at school. These are for the children to practice further at home if you wish too. We won't be completing weekly spelling tests.

PE

PE will continue on Wednesday's. Please send children into school in their PE kit; - trainers, plain blue or black jogging bottoms or shorts and black PE t-shirt. Children can wear their school jumper or a plain blue or black jumper. Long hair should be tied up and earrings taken out. If possible, please can children come in trainers rather than pumps during this season of wet and cold weather.

There are new PE track suits now on sale. If you would like more information, please contact the school office.

Forest Time

Forest Time will continue on Thursday's, weather permitting. Please send your child in their forest clothes with a warm coat and wellies as it can be quite muddy. We also kindly ask if wellies can be cleaned at home as mud can make a mess in the classroom.



If the weather is unsuitable for forest time, we will always replace this active session with PE in the hall. When possible, we will try to give parents notice of any changes.

Reading in Year 1



E-books

While a plan is underway to replace our e-book library with physical books, for a little while longer we will continue to issue an e-book on Collins e-books each week. These books match the children's phonics level and reflect what they have been learning in class. The children will have all practiced these books in class already during our reading practice sessions so should be able to read them fluently with you and discuss the events in the book.

Free choice books

The children will also have the chance to choose a class library book for you to share and enjoy together, with no expectation for them to read this independently. You can read it to or with them. Most importantly, have fun!

Extra practice

If you would like some more books to practise reading with your child, you can collect extra books that match their level from outside the school office. They will have sticker on their reading diaries which match the boxes of books.

Trackit lights

The children are really enjoying our new behaviour system. They are very excited that parents can see when they get points in school. If you need any help with logging on to the parent app, please do get in touch.



Thank you for your support so far.

The year one team