



★ Newsletter ★

3rd May 2024

The children have worked really hard over the last couple of weeks and are really enjoying our new topics set for this term. We have now enjoyed a few P.E. sessions with Gordon Fearn on Friday mornings and he has been really impressed with how well the children are listening and taking new information on board to be the best that they can be.

In R.E. the children have been discussing the importance of belonging and have created a poster showing all of the many groups, teams and communities that they belong to. We have also discussed how a new baby is welcomed into a family and also into the church community.

The children have built on previous knowledge in science and have enjoyed learning about many different habitats – the ocean, rivers, rainforests, deserts, mountains and polar. We have also been introduced to the meaning of an invertebrate and from this the children have classified invertebrates in different ways. The children loved welcoming the snails into our class.

If your child would like to enter the 'Monster Acrostics' poetry competition, entries need to be returned to school by Friday 17th May. This is an optional activity and the information was sent home with your child by letter last Friday.

Homework:

Thank you for continuing to support your child with regular reading and weekly spellings.

Your child should now be aware of the creative homework task that we have set for this term. It is both history and art based and we think that the children will really enjoy the challenge. As mentioned in the information that was sent, we would like their artwork to be returned to school on Friday 19th May and we look forward to sharing and celebrating their achievements across Key Stage 1 and also in an assembly before creating a wonderful, colourful display around school.

Maths:

All the children have really enjoyed our unit of work about measuring using centimetres and meters. This was a short unit which we have now completed. Year one have now moved on to multiplication and division where we have been practising counting up in 2's, 5's and 10's and recognising equal and unequal groups. Year 2 have

now moved onto fractions for the next few weeks. We are also completing mental maths sheets each day to keep our addition, subtraction and times tables skills sharp!

English:

As well as spelling and handwriting, we are now continuing to enjoy our new Talk for Writing unit based around a suspense story called 'Kassim and the Greedy Dragon'. So far, the children have internalised the story structure, created a story map and have used some amazing, powerful adjectives and similes to describe the dragon from our text. We have also developed language to create 'build up' and suspense within a piece of descriptive writing.

Reading:

Please continue to encourage your child to read at least three times a week and continue to sign it in the diary pages of their planner – I really appreciate your support with this. I am happy for children to read their own books from home or the library if they wish to, I will continue to be checking diaries every Friday and will award stickers as a reward for regular reading.

Additional Information:

- P.E. – Children will require an indoor kit for both Wednesday and Friday sessions – we now have P.E. with Gordon again on a Friday on the school hall.
- Monday 6th May – school closed (bank holiday)
- Portrait homework deadline – Friday 17th May
- Closing date for 'Monster Acrostic' competition – Friday 17th May
- Forest School dates – (Thursday afternoons) May 16th, June 6th, June 13th

Have a great weekend!

Miss Fisher