



Year 1 Newsletter.

March 2020

Dear Parents,

We hope that you and your families have had an enjoyable half term break.

This newsletter will give you information about some of the things that your child will be learning about during this half term. We hope that you find it helpful but please do not hesitate to ask throughout the year if you ever have any concerns or questions.

Religion Topic

- Our topic this half term is 'From Lent to Easter'. During this topic your child will be learning about the signs, symbols and religious terms which celebrate the Season of Lent. We will also be learning about some of the actions which are part of the Liturgies of Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday and Good Friday.

Literacy

This half term we will be looking at poetry. We will be investigating pattern and rhyme and looking at various different poems by different poets. The children will be continuing to work on their cursive letter formation and the use of capital letters and full stops in the correct places. We will be continuing to work on developing independent writing. We will be encouraging the children to use WOW words (describing words) to enhance their writing. We would like your continued support at home to help the children write simple, coherent sentences.

Numeracy

This half term we will continue to work on understanding the place value of numbers. We will also be recapping addition and subtraction sums. We will encourage the children to use a number line or work out the answer by putting the number in their head and counting on/back.

We will be looking at 'sharing and finding halves and quarters of shapes and amounts. Following this we will start solving one-step problems involving multiplication. We will calculate the answer by using concrete objects, pictorial representations and arrays. Key vocabulary will include: 'lots of' or 'groups of.' For example, for $2 \times 5 =$ we would say 2 lots of/ groups of 5 is.



Science:

We are continuing the topic 'Materials'. We will be learning about the properties of materials and appropriate materials for different uses. We will be learning about predicting, investigating and testing different ideas.

Topic

We will be continuing with our topic 'India'. We will then be moving on to a study of the United Kingdom looking at England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

PE

This half term the children will be taught how to take out and put back the apparatus. They will be exploring the apparatus and using a range of different body shapes and movements to access the equipment.

Games

The topic in games this half term is 'Invasion Games'. The children will be learning various ball skills such as: receiving a ball with their hands and feet, tracking a ball, rolling, striking, over arm throwing, bouncing and catching. The children will then apply these skills to various ball games.

Reminders:

- Both classes will have PE on Mondays and Thursdays and therefore the children will need their kits in on both of these days. Please ensure that long hair is tied back, particularly on these days and that earrings are removed before school.
- Please continue to read with your child as often as you can at home. We ask the children to read a few pages each night and answer lots of questions about the story. It is so important for the children to read both at home and at school as it helps them to use their phonics effectively and develop their comprehension and interest of reading. The children will be assessed at intervals during the year, at which point we will decide if they need to move to a new reading band.

As previously mentioned please come and see us if you ever have any questions or concerns.

Miss Smith, Miss Galvin, Lindsey and Mrs Pappalardo