

Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn 2 Class 1

2013 / 2014

Welcome back I hope you have all enjoyed half term and are ready for the exciting term ahead!

Cross curricular topic work: Our topic this half term is 'Fire! Fire!'.

Numeracy:

We will be continuing to focus upon counting, number and place value this will include estimating, ordering, counting on and back, doubling and halving as well as writing numbers.

Literacy:

Read Write Inc will be continuing every morning where children will be taught in ability groups across the school.

We will be focusing on a story called 'Fireman Sam' as well as 'The Great Fire of London' children will use this to support their writing. We will be closely looking at sentence construction, report writing, explanation texts and recounts.

Author of the term -

ICT:

We will begin to develop skills in simple word processing. We will also use the programme 'paint' to create pictures of Fire engines, Firemen and The Great Fire of London.

Science:

We will be continuing to learn about Materials. We will take part in a material hunt, enabling us to name and compare different materials. Following this we will sort materials, considering their properties. We will consider how we use materials on a daily basis. In addition to this, we will be looking at suitable materials that Firemen wear and use.

PE

P.E will always be on a Monday afternoon. All children must have the appropriate P.E kit for both indoors and outdoors.

RE, PSHE and SEAL:

We will be learning about why we celebrate Christmas and looking into the Christmas story.

Enrichment opportunities:

- Material hunt

- Visit from the Fire engine.
- Watching a Firemen put out a fire.
- Design and make our own Fire engine.
- Participating in the Christmas Nativity.

Ways to help your child:

- By talking about the **topics** and finding out any information from books, computers, internet, libraries etc. Please encourage the children to bring any useful information into school. If you have any particular personal information, which may be of interest and you would like to share this in school, please contact me.
- By discussing any **Home Learning** with your child and helping/encouraging them to complete any tasks. Home Learning is given out on Fridays and should be returned to school by the following Thursday so it can be marked and celebrated.
- By helping them to learn thoroughly any mental maths work or number bonds to 10 and 20.
- By helping them to learn thoroughly any **spellings** they may bring home. Spellings are given out through RWI on a Friday and tested the following week.
- By encouraging them to read as much as possible (at least 3 times a week) and using the assessment focus ideas in your child's home school diary.
- The children will be set curricular targets that will be shared with them each term. These are small steps to success that children should know and aim to achieve by the end of term.
- Ensuring that they come to school on time, ready to work hard and succeed!

Thank you so much for all your help and support!!

"Reach for the Stars"

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