

Class 1 Newsletter Autumn 2

Our theme this term is 'Will you read me a story'. Our learning will all be based on traditional stories. We will end the term learning about the Christian Festival of Christmas.

We would like to wish you a very warm welcome back to school and we hope you all had a good half term break. This newsletter will outline what your child will be learning about over the next few weeks. The children have had a fantastic first week back during which we have learnt about the Hindu festival of Diwali. We learnt how Hindu children celebrate and the similarities and differences between festivals we celebrate. We re-enacted the story, made our own puppets, created rangoli patterns and mendhi patterns and made cards.

Literacy:

We will use traditional stories to help develop the children's language skills, starting with 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. We will create story maps, re-enact the story and retell it verbally and through writing. We will then move on to other traditional stories.

Phonics will continue daily and we will begin to learn Phase 3 sounds which we will send home at the end of each week for you to add to the split pin:

j, v, w, x, y, z, zz, qu, ch, sh, th, ng, ai, ee, or, oa

Practising saying these sounds and making them into simple regular words all help to develop their reading.

Reading books:

Sharing books regularly is really important for reading development. Encouraging your child to talk through the pictures in the books and tell the story help them to be able to understand and read the text. You could ask them questions about what they think is happening and why. Ask them to identify the letter sound they can see or hear at the beginning of words and encourage them to blend the sounds in simple regular words. Individual reading will take place twice weekly in school. Please make sure you make a note

in your child's reading record that you have listened to them read each book at least once (a tick or smiley face is fine) and we will change them each week.

Maths:

The children will learn to recognise and describe 2D shapes using the language sides and corners and also to recognise and describe regular 3D shapes. They will learn to compare lengths and heights using longer than, taller than, shorter than, longest, tallest and shortest. They will learn to add and subtract first 1 and then larger numbers and begin to record their calculations. They will also learn to use 1p coins in addition and subtraction problems.

Tapestry:

We regularly add observations of the children to Tapestry. It would be great if you could share these with your child and I'm sure they would love to tell you what they have been learning about. It is also fantastic for us to see what they have been doing at home too. Adding a photograph or a sentence about their weekend enables us to have even better knowledge of your child and I know some of you already do this.

Just a reminder that the children will have access to the outside classroom throughout the day so if you could ensure that your child has a coat or waterproof every day that would be great.

PE is on Tuesday afternoons so please ensure your child has their named indoor and outdoor kit at school throughout the term.

This is such an exciting and busy term with many new experiences in store including performing in the Christmas Play. During December we will spend time rehearsing for this and more details about this will follow nearer the time.

If you do have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to come in and talk to us.

Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Rodgers