



INSPIRE, ENRICH, ACHIEVE

Class 1 Newsletter - Autumn Term 2

Welcome back!

We hope you had a great half term break and are well rested and ready for an jam-packed term!

Our Learning This Term...

This term our project will be Marvellous Machines and our mini project is Puppets and Pop Ups. In our main project, your child will learn about technology that is part of their daily lives. They will explore various machines, learn about how machines help us and find out about how machines have changed and developed over time. They will learn about products that use electricity to make them work and explore magnetic and non-magnetic materials. In the Puppets and Pop Ups project, your child will create puppets and use them to communicate with and tell stories. They will find out how puppets are used all over the world to tell stories. They will learn to join materials in different ways and find out how shadows are formed.

Supporting your child at home

Marvellous Machines- Talk about the machines and technology you use in your everyday lives. Look for things in the home that are powered by electricity. Look for items that are powered by batteries. Puppets and Pop Ups- Watch a puppet show or puppet TV programme together. Talk about the puppets and how they move and talk. Make simple sock puppets and use them to have silly conversations. Share a wide range of fairy tales. Share and discuss the **Did you know?** Resource sheets (attached in the email)

In English we will be using the Talk 4 Writing approach to learn the Gingerbread Man story. We will imitate, innovate and invent a new story. We will also look at explanation texts- How to trap a gingerbread man.

In maths we will be looking at 2D shapes, and shape puzzles and subitising quantities to 5. We will also be learning about how and why people choose to celebrate Bonfire Night, and Christmas. We will talk about why people choose to wear a poppy and what it is they are remembering on November 11th.



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Useful Information

PE/Nature School

PE and Nature school will be every Friday. Nature school is led by Mrs Smith. Please send your children in appropriate school PE kit and trainers. For Nature school please make sure your child is warm enough as they will spend lots of time outside. We also ask that you ensure your child has a waterproof coat and wellington boots in school, ready to take part in outdoor learning.

Reading

Every week your child will bring home a 'reading for pleasure' book, along with a reading record. The pleasure for reading book is a book they have chosen for you to enjoy together. Please remember that you shouldn't expect your child to read this alone. Read it to or with them. Discuss the pictures, enjoy the story, predict what might happen next, use different voices for the characters, explore the facts in a non-fiction book. The main thing is that you have fun! In phonics your child will continue with phase 2 of our Little Wandle phonics programme. We will learn new graphemes and digraphs (two letters that make one sound). We will also learn the tricky words (those which cannot be sounded out) has, his, her, go, no, to, into, she, he, of, we, me, be. We will also learn to read words with s added at the end (hats sits) and words ending s but sound like z (his) and with s (z) added at the end (bags)

Book Bags

It is so very important that children read regularly at home and at school. Please ensure that they bring their books to school every day, along with their sounds pencil case. An adult will listen to your child read three times a week during the group reading practice. We will change their reading book and their pleasure for reading book on a Friday.

Water Bottles

Please send water in your child's labelled water bottle each day.



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Messages

If there are any messages regarding your child's collection from school, or a medical matter, please contact the school office via telephone or email rather than using teacher emails, as we cannot promise to find the time to read them during the school day.

Snack Time

We have healthy snacks in school but if your child would rather bring their own healthy snack, that is fine.

Thank you

Mrs Thompson and Miss Goy