

Year 1's Newsletter

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Hello everyone, We hope you all had a wonderful break. We are really enjoying watching all your 'show and tells' about the seasons - the class has learnt some valuable information from them already. For example, we have learnt what happens in different seasons, how to dress for the weather and even how the hours of daylight change.



Lukas's picture depicting the seasons

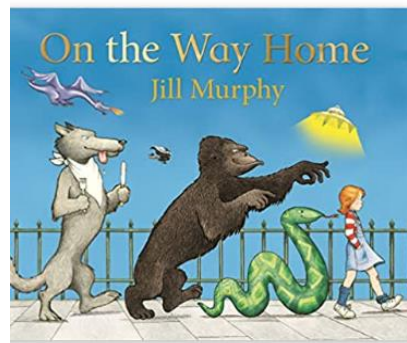
Our new history topic is 'How communication has changed through living memory'. We learnt a lot about this on our trip to the Nottingham Industrial Museum.



Ibraheem investigating an old telephone exchange machine

English & Maths

Our new class book is "On the Way Home" by Jill Murphy. We are going to create our own versions of the story and act them out.



Key learning in English:

- To learn new vocabulary in order to understand a story
- To be able to retell a story in writing
- To be able to innovate my own version of a story

In maths, we are looking at multiplication. We will start by using objects to secure our ability to count in 2s. We will then move onto being able to count in 2s from any even number, using number squares and number lines, and then applying this to solve problem

Key learning in maths:

- To be able to recall multiplication and division facts for 2 and 10 and use them to solve simple problems, demonstrating and understanding of the commutativity as necessary.
- To use reasoning about numbers and relationships to solve more complex problems and explain thinking.

Computing

This term, children will learn to navigate to a website using Google or a simple URL. They will also learn how to create art work on an iPad and name their work.

Please remember children have logins for the following sites to help with their learning: Numbots, Times Table Rock Stars, Mathletics and Oxford Owl. Children can use these sites independently to practise their maths and reading skills. If you need a reminder of any logins, just let us know.

Please try to listen to your child read for 10 minutes most nights. Record and sign their reading diary and they can get a new book the next day. Try making reading a special time when they are not too tired, and able to relax and enjoy the activity. Ask questions to check their understanding as they read, eg.

"How is that character feeling? Why?"

"What have you learnt from this book?"



Homework

Monday- Reading on Oxford Owl

Activities on Mathletics

Wednesday- Handwriting / spelling homework.

There is no need to send photos of this homework anymore, just return it to school in the folder.

Spellings

We will be using the words given in the handwriting homework in sentences during our English lessons each week. Please encourage your child to think about how the words are spelt as they practise writing them. This will help them in class.

PE

Swimming: Monday; PE: Tuesday.

Please ensure a red top is worn for PE. Trainers to be worn with school uniform on Wednesdays and Thursdays for the mile run,

Diary Dates

Wednesday 26th April - Trip to Meadows Community Gardens