



Year 1 Newsletter Spring 1 2023 - 24



What a fantastic start to the academic year we have had! Thank you so much for your continued support. This newsletter will provide you with information on the half term ahead. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the office, who will put you in touch.

A big welcome to the children who have transitioned from Moonbeam Class into 1NS and 1AM, we are very excited to welcome you full time into our respective classes.

We are:

1NS- Ned Symes and Kathy Burston
1AM- Amy McGuigan and Amanda White

Topic

Our Topic this term is the Polar Regions - *How are the polar regions important to Earth?* In this topic we will be investigating the Arctic and Antarctica, the life that can be found there, and how this differs from our life. We will also be investigating environmental issues surrounding these regions. We will continue to look at environments and discuss natural and human made objects in the world. We will also be looking at the world's continents and oceans, and be revisiting the countries that make up the United Kingdom.

Maths



In maths we will be learning and mastering addition and subtraction up to twenty. We will be using concrete materials, part-part-whole models, drawing pictures to work out answers and exploring problem solving and reasoning to find answers and justify them. We will also be looking at the composition of these numerals and the written words.

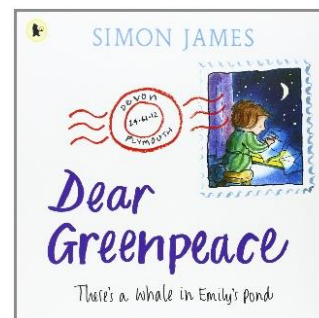
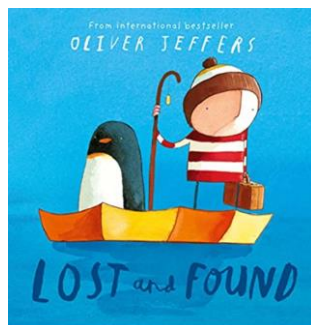
We will continue to use concrete resources to deepen our understanding and ensure we are able to use different counting strategies to find the total amount, and counting out how many 'tens' and how many 'extra ones' make up a number. (eg. 16 is one group of ten and six extra ones).

It would be great if you could keep exposing children to the language of time, as we will begin to start telling time to o'clock and half past in the coming terms. Later in the term we will be looking at measuring length and height as well as mass and volume.

English

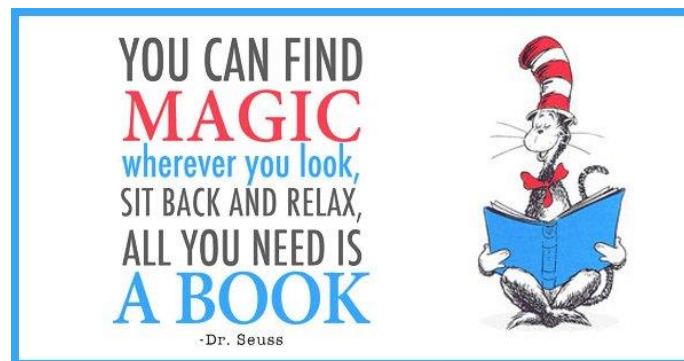
This term we will be studying the stories *Lost and Found* and *Dear Greenpeace*. These books tie in very nicely with our topic.

We will be writing letters, post cards, drawing story maps and rewriting familiar stories... and even tweaking them to make them our own. We will continue to talk about nouns, verbs, adjectives, and adverbs. Keep practising letter formation at home encouraging children to form their letters with the correct composition (using the ditties really help with this) and make sure they are sitting on the line!



Reading

We cannot stress enough the importance of having your child read to you daily. We are asking for a minimum of 10 minutes each day. It is noticeable when children are reading regularly at home and they are proud to share this with the class.



Science

This half term we will be revisiting seasonal change and looking at the different types of weather we expect to see in the different seasons. We will look at how this affects us and the world around us. We will then begin to look at animal classification and how we can organise animals into different groups depending on a variety of permutations.

P.E

For the first half of the Spring term we will be having one outdoor and one indoor PE session. Our outdoor sessions could be chilly so please send your child in warm clothes on these days e.g. navy jogging bottoms and a school jumper. Children must wear trainers for PE.

PE Timetable		
1AM	Monday (outside)	Tuesday (inside)
1NS	Monday (outside)	Thursday (inside)

Theatre Trip

We will be going to the Unicorn Theatre to see *Ready Steady Lift Off*. We only have a limited amount of tickets for volunteers for this trip so if you would like to come on the trip please let your child's class teacher know and they will draw names from a hat to see who will come with us.

The dates for this trip are:
1AM Wednesday 31st January 2024
1NS Thursday 1st February 2024

REQUESTS

If you have any items that we can use for junk modelling, please bring these to class before drop off.
Thank you all for your continued support in your child's learning journey. We look forward to the fun filled term ahead.

The Year 1 Team 😊

Daily timetable:

8:50 gates open

9:00-9:10 handwriting/ finger gym

9:10-9.40 English/maths

9.40-10.20 COOL time (Choose Our Own Learning)/group work

10.20-10.40 phonics

10.40-11.00- break

11:00- 12:00 COOL time/group work

LUNCH

1:00-1.30 topic/science/computing/P.E/art/PSHE/RE

1.30- 3:00 COOL time/reading

3:00 assembly/story time/discussions

3:25 - home time