

In December we progress onto our themes Florence Nightingale. The children will learn about a key historical figure and how she changed people's lives. They will also learn that many things were very different in Victorian times.

Our first theme will also start our English program where we will be looking at animal poetry and writing riddles. This will lead on to instruction writing and recounts. Alongside Guided Reading we will be creating reading journals.

The class will be covering all aspects of Maths work over the term. We will begin with place value, reading, writing and ordering numbers, linking with our theme to cover data handling, measurement and money. We will continue onto addition and number patterns. Alongside this I will be doing a 2 minute Maths activity daily to develop Mental Maths skills. On a Friday we will be doing a Distance Maths problem solving activity.

Our P.E this term will be on a Monday afternoon and we will be working on team and gymnastic skills.

For R.E we will be studying Judaism. Our class bible story is Moses.

What can you do to help your child?

1. We will be encouraging children to become increasingly independent and have more responsibilities, such as taking reading books/letters out of their book bags and handing them to one of us. Please be patient while your child adjusts to this.
2. End of Key Stage 1 assessments (SATs) will be during May. These will be low key – your child is likely to perform better if they are not aware it's happening! **Please avoid taking holidays during this month.**
3. It really does make a huge difference if you hear your child read regularly at home. We will also send home about 6 spelling (and/or reading) words to learn each week. We will be setting maths/theme homework every Wednesday to be handed in on the following Monday.
4. Please make sure every part of your child's uniform is named.
5. Please send the P.E. kit in on Monday and leave it at school for the week.
6. We are encouraging children to have regular drinks. They can keep a sports cap bottle on their tables. Water is preferable.

I am always available for a quick chat after school each day. If you require a more in-depth conversation a mutually convenient appointment can be arranged.

I am really looking forward to working with the class on what I am sure will be an interesting and enjoyable terms work.

Kind regards

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