



Year 1 Newsletter

Friday 5th October 2018

Important messages

We would like to remind you all to make sure the children come to school regularly and on time. They should arrive at 8.50am and please try to leave 3 minutes to nine so that the children are ready for learning by **9 o'clock**.

School finishes at 3:25pm. Please make an effort to collect your child on time to give the teacher time to get on with their work.

Children are required to bring into school their favourite toy to support their learning by Tuesday. It **MUST** be a **small** one please.

School Trip:

We are planning to visit either Norbury or Thornton Heath Library sometime before the end of this half term. Details will be communicated to you in the coming days.

If you can help on either day, please let your child's class teacher know. The trips will be in the morning hours before lunch on a Thursday and Friday.

RE

As part of their RE lesson, the children will be looking the Sukkot celebrations in the Jewish faith

Science

Next week we will be looking at mammals and how they are different from birds.

Things to do at home

- How are mammals different from birds?

Maths

Next week the children will be learning to find number bonds to 10. Learn to add two numbers by counting on from the biggest number on the number line and using apparatus. They will also use counters to add two numbers.

Things to do at home

- Add two numbers below 10 using objects.
- Add two numbers by counting on from the bigger number on the number line.

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are soon coming to the end of the first Autumn term and are pleased to inform that all the children have settled in their classes well and show enthusiasm in their learning.

Please continue to encourage your child to read daily and remember to make a comment about your child's reading in their reading journal. And remind your child to select another book within their book band level when finished reading their book.

We do love and enjoy the pieces of work the children bring in to us in the morning. This shows that the children are doing a lot of independent learning while at home.

English:

Next week the children will continue reading the book "Dogger" by Shirley Hughes and engaging in activities based on the story. Click on the link to listen to the story of Dogger.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jNOYgRf5jes>. The children will be using describing words (adjectives) to describe; their favourite toys.

They will be encouraged to say their sentences before they write them down to ensure that they make sense. They will use conjunctions, 'and' and 'because' to extend their sentences.

They will be using capital letters to start their sentences and to write people's names and end their sentences with a full stop.

They will be encouraged to use finger spaces to separate words.

Things to do at home

- Talk about the different toys your child has. Discuss why it's their favourite, its colour and size.
- Talk about where it came from.
- Use the conjunctions 'and' and 'because' to write sentences about their toy.

Eg. This is my favourite bear because it is cuddly and smells lovely.



In RE, we have been learning about the story of Rama and Sita.



The children made masks of the characters in the story and acted out the story.

Things you need to know

P.E sessions are as follows:

Bees – Friday

Butterflies -Thursday

Caterpillars - Monday

Ladybirds- Monday

Please label **all** your child's items of clothing. P.E Kits must be brought in school on Monday and left until end of the week.

Your child has been given homework their book bags. Please assist your child to do it and make sure it's back in school by Thursday the following week. Please continue to read with your child every day and make a comment on how they read in their reading journal.

If you are interested in becoming a parent reader, please see Mrs Jones, Deputy Head teacher.

Attendance 28/09/18

Whole school attendance: % 95.7%

Bees: 96.5%

Butterflies: 94.7%

Caterpillars: 93.6%

Ladybirds: 98.7%

Congratulations Ladybirds.

The National expectation is that attendance should exceed 95.2%.