



YEAR 1 NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 2017



Reminders:

- Your child needs a coat, their water bottle and book bag every day.
- Please make sure that all belongings are clearly named including PE kit, jumpers, coats and lunchboxes.
- Please do not put foods which contain nuts in your child's lunchbox.
- If your child requires medicine during the school day you will need to fill out a form at the school office.
- Please try to ensure that your child arrives at school promptly in the mornings and encourage them to go into the classroom independently.

Absences:

If your child is unable to attend school, the following simple activities can be done at home to keep your child's skills sharp: reading a variety of stories and poems, keeping a diary, practising spellings and simple counting games.

Please remember that there are also lots of ideas in your child's Learning Log, including your child's log-in details for Bug Club.

1C Mrs Carter

1J Miss Jamieson

1H Mrs Hiscock /Mrs Hearn

We hope that your child is happy and has settled well into Year 1. Please feel free to come and see us if you have any questions or concerns.

This newsletter will let you know a little bit about what your child will be learning this term.

We have two main topics this term:

Going On An Animal Hunt

Polar Lands

For more dates and information please see our website:

www.stmarksprimary.net





'Going On An Animal Hunt'

This will be our topic for the first half term. In Science, we will be learning about animals (including humans). We will be exploring our senses, identifying body parts and classifying animals in different ways. We will use the story of 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' for our work on colour mixing in art and as a starting point when we make vegetable kebabs in D&T. The children will learn how to log onto our school network, open and close programmes and save their work in Computing. In English, we will be learning about lists, labels and captions and using our writing skills to retell stories, including 'The Enormous Turnip'.



'Polar Lands'



This will be our topic for the second half term. In Geography, we will be learning about the Polar Regions; exploring the climate, features of these environments and how to use an atlas, globe and maps to locate them. We will continue our work on animals in Science with a particular focus on animals from Polar Regions. In Art, we will be exploring clay and learning how to manipulate it to make our own polar animals. The children will learn how to use paint programmes on the laptops to draw pictures and write captions in Computing. In English, we will be learning about non-fiction books and how to use them to retrieve information. We will also be reading and exploring poems related to polar lands.

Maths



This half term we will practise our problem-solving skills using our 'base boxes' and the children will develop the independence to choose their own resources. They will record problems pictorially as well as numerically using the +, - and = symbols. We will develop their recall of number bonds to 10 and 1 more / 1 less than numbers up to 20. We will explore length and height; estimating, measuring and comparing different objects. Please practise counting forwards and backwards with your children as often as you can.



RE



Our two RE blocks this term are 'Thanking' and 'Angels.' The children will apply the concept of 'Thanking' to the Jewish faith, exploring Sukkot and thinking about how and when they are thankful. During our work on 'Angels' the children will learn about the importance of angels in the Christian faith and their role in the Christmas story.

PE

Tuesday - Outdoor Games
Wednesday- Gym

Please provide your child with both an indoor and outdoor PE kit (to include a pair of trousers and a jumper) and remember that ear-rings should be taken out on PE days.



Reading



Your child will read at least once a week with a teacher or Teaching Assistant and complete reading related activities in Book Club. Please read with your child as often as you can and comment in the Learning Log whenever you read at home.

Inter-class competitions

The children will continue to have the opportunity to represent their class in our half- termly competition. Who will win this term?

Library books

Children will begin to choose books from the school library each week. Library changing day is Thursdays, but please make sure your child brings their library book in their book bag every day so they can read it in school.

