

Welcome to Year 1 Autumn Term Newsletter

This term our topic is

"Book Bugs"



Our Theme

Our theme this term is: Book Bugs and we will be learning all about books: fiction, non-fiction, traditional tales, poems. We will also be learning about different characters from our stories. We will use a range of different materials to create large pieces of art for our exhibition. In November we are hoping to be able to invite you to come and join us at the library in Smethwick to showcase all of our learning. In Science we will be learning about ourselves and then about everyday materials.

NOTICES

Please check your child has brought in their shorts, T-shirt and pumps for PE. **PLEASE NAME ALL ITEMS OF UNIFORM AND PE KIT.**

Children are not allowed to wear jewellery for safety reasons. Cover bangles with a sweatband or remove on PE days. Ear-rings will be covered with tape.

In November we are hoping that we will be able to set up a wonderful exhibition at the local library for you to come and explore. It will show you all the things we have learnt about.

Website Links

You can visit our school website.

www.devonshireinfantacademy.org

Look for your login details in your home reading diary for additional online learning tools.

Don't forget to make sure that you are connected to class Dojo too.

Maths

In Maths the children will be learning about: Place value - counting, ordering numbers, tens and units. Adding and subtracting. Numbers that add to make 10. Measuring and comparing length, height and weight. Money-value of coins. Days of the week, months of the year. 2D shapes and pattern. Encourage your children to count money at home, find shapes around the house. Count different objects - forks, spoons, plates. **Maths homework will be sent on Friday. Please help your child to do it for Monday.**

Writing

We will be writing about traditional tales. We will learn many stories and look at non-fiction books about castles and knights.

Reading

We will be learning many different traditional tales. The children will use phonic strategies to help them to sound out words. They will read regularly with the teacher in small groups using our 'keys to reading'. Your child's reading diary has lots of tips to help you support your child's reading and many words to learn. **PLEASE hear them read at home for 5 minutes every night to give regular practise and help them be fluent readers with a passion for books!**

Important Dates

- *Week beginning 20th September - Launch learning challenges (This will be a reading week in school for Year 1)
- *15th October - School Photographs
- *19th & 20th October - Parents Evenings (phone calls) More information to follow on this.
- *22nd October - Last day of term
- *1st November - School closed (Training Day)
- *2nd November - School re-opens for Autumn 2.
- *4th November - Diwali celebration day in school
- *11th November - Remembrance day in school (Poppy artwork)
- *Week beginning 15th November - Learning challenge outcomes (We will have an exhibition of our learning at Smethwick library. Save the date. We are hoping that this will be open to parents. More information to follow)
- *Week beginning 29th November - Enterprise Week in school (Christmas crafts)
- *30th November - Year 1 Picnic with Santa (more information to follow)
- *2nd December - Flu sprays (more information to follow)
- *3rd December - Christmas Fayre (more information to follow)
- *17th December - School closes at 12.15.
- *4th January - School closed (Training Day)
- *WEDNESDAY 5th January - School re-opens for Spring 1.