

Year One Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! I hope that you have all had a wonderful Christmas!

A new term has begun with many exciting things to engage the children. During this term the children will focus on our Geography topic, Bright Lights, Big City. The children have enjoyed all of their previous topics and we are looking forward to starting our new one.

RE

In RE this term we will be thinking about Islam and learning about different beliefs. The children will also cover key dates in the Christian calendar such as Shrove Tuesday, Lent and Easter.



English

This term we will be focussing on many different genres of texts. The children's first text is entitled 'Topsy and Tim Visit London' and links well with our Bright Lights, Big City topic. The children will continue with their daily phonics sessions as well as having many opportunities to read, both within a group and one to one with a member of staff. This support them to become independent readers and prepare them for their phonics test in the Summer Term.

Maths

During our maths lessons the children will be learning to read, write and count numbers to 50. They will also learn to solve addition and subtraction word problems with numbers up to 50. The children will continue to practise the 2, 5 and 10 times tables on times table rock stars and on paper copies. Please practise these at home with your child.



PE

We will be having P.E on a Tuesdays and Thursdays for the this half term. Please make sure that your child comes to school in their navy blue PE kit with a white top on these days.



Bright Lights, Big City

Our topic for this term is Bright Lights, Big City. This topic has a geography focus and the children will spend time developing their knowledge of the physical and human characteristics of the United Kingdom, including the exploration of the characteristics and features of the capital city, London. The children will discover a range of landmarks and learn all about life in a city. Children will spend time comparing life in a city to life in a town like Tipton. This topic has some lovely science, art and design and design and technology links that the children will really enjoy.



Homework

The children will have one reading book sent home every week. These must be returned to school every Friday to be checked and their reading record must be signed by an adult. Reading books will then be changed and the children will bring home a new reading book for that week. We expect children to be reading at home a minimum of 3 times per week. Children will also have a new reading spine book every two weeks. In addition to reading, your child will have weekly spellings set on Spelling Shed every Friday and these will then be tested in school. Very shortly your child will also be given a NumBots account to help them practice their recall of key mathematical facts.



Reminders

Can I please remind you that all items of the children's belongings, including uniform, bottles and snack bags, must be labelled. Many of the children have the same items and this will avoid items going missing.

Also, please be reminded that your child must come to school in black school shoes, not trainers. Thank you.

If you have any problems or concerns and wish to speak to me, please contact the office and I can arrange a phone call.

Thank you for all of your support.

Class Teacher: Miss Hewitt LSP: Miss McInerney