

Puffin News

Teacher: Mrs Leaver

Teaching Assistant: Helen

Dear Parents,

I hope you have all enjoyed the first half term of Year 1. The Year is flying by! All the children are working hard and are really enjoying their learning. We have now settled in to our second half term and just before the holiday we welcomed Jamie to our class. This week we also welcome Kenen to join our friendly Puffins.

Please make sure that homework is being completed and that the weekly spellings are being learnt. Well done to all the children who have managed to get 10/10 in their spellings.

Watch out for names appearing on our Superspellers chart on the Puffin door. We have just sent the first maths games home. Please play these at home and return them to school each Thursday.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the forthcoming parent's evenings where I can answer any questions you might have about your child's progress in year 1.

Good attendance is VITAL; it is the season for coughs and colds. Please remember that if your child is a little poorly (cough, sneezes) please let me know in the morning. We will keep an eye on them at school and call you if they begin to feel very unwell.

In Literacy we will be learning about stories with repeated patterns and stories from other cultures as well as poetry.

My Literacy writing targets are:

- I can use joining words to make my sentences longer.
- I can write at least 3 clear sentences.
- I can write at least 1 clear sentence
- I will leave clear finger spaces between my words.
- I can write my name clearly

Reading targets are now glued into the children's individual reading records

In Maths we will be solving addition and subtraction problems; counting on and back in 1s, 2s, 5s and 10s. We will learn about doubling and halving and we will be doing some practical measuring.

My Maths targets are:

- I can count up to 10 objects.
- I can say one more or one less than a number up to 10.
- I can say one more or one less than a number up to 20.
- I can add or subtract using a number line.
- I can add or subtract using a 100 square.

Over the next 5 weeks, Year 1 will be working on a topic called

“Celebrations”.

During this unit we will be learning about History, Art, Technology, Music, Society and International issues.

In History we'll be finding out about

- How people in our families celebrated in the recent past
- How particular past events are still celebrated.

In Art we'll be finding out about

- How decoration is used in celebrations
- How the work of artists is used in celebrations
- How to make artefacts and images that could be used in celebrations.

In Music we'll be finding out about

- How songs and music are used in celebrations in our own and other countries
- How to compose our own music for a celebration.

In Technology we'll learning about

- Planning for celebrations
- Designing, making and evaluating a product for a celebration.

In Science we'll be investigating

- light and dark.

We'll also be keeping active through our gym and dance in P.E. lessons.

In RE we will be learning about:

- How light is used in different religious celebrations

In PSHE our theme is 'Getting on & Falling out'.

The children will be celebrating, writing, designing, planning, composing and enquiring throughout the unit. I will check your child's learning by talking to them, listening to their questions and observing their interactions with each other and the activities.

The interest you take in your child's work makes a real difference to their learning. Please talk about your child's work with them, let them tell you about what they have been learning. You can share old family photos. Talk about special events that you've shared together: birthdays; Christmas; Eid; Easter; Independence days etc. You can discuss clothes, food, gifts, music and much more. Please bring in any **spare** celebratory photos that we can look through and/or display.

Please feel welcome to come and have a look in our classroom whenever you like! If you have any free time and can help in the class we'd love to see you. I am always happy to answer any questions and help in any way!

.....Mrs Leaver