

Mandeville Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to our first class newsletter of 2012!

We hope you've all had a lovely holiday and we wish you all a Happy New Year! Thank you to all the families who were able to watch our KS1 Nativity performances at the end of the Autumn term.

We've got another busy half term ahead and we will be sharing our learning in our next class assembly on Thursday 19th January at 9.15. We will also perform a special Easter performance with Year 6 on Friday 30th March.

PE will now be on Wednesdays and Thursdays however please ensure that children have their PE kit in school every day. It is also very important that children bring their reading diary to school every day.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Maths games Reading diary	Reading diary	PE Reading diary	PE Reading diary	Library books Spellings Homework Reading diary

My Literacy targets

In Literacy we will be learning about different stories that are written by the same author, poetry and writing in clear sentences.

To confidently say a sentence and write the words by sounding out and using finger spaces.

To use different sentence starters in my writing: The, She, It, Then...

To extend my sentences by using a connective: and, because, so that...

To use interesting verbs in my writing: shouted, whispered, strolled...

Individual Reading targets are stuck in the children's blue reading diaries

My Maths targets

In Maths we will be learning about reading and writing 2 and 3 digit numbers in words and figures. We will continue to add and subtract with numbers and apply these methods to solve word problems.

To partition numbers in different ways: $55=50+5$ or $20+20+5$ or $10+10+10+10+5$ or $49+6$...

To read and write numbers up 1000 in figures and words: Eighty three = 83

To explain what each digit in a 2 digit number stands for: 45 has 4 tens and 5 units.

Our learning theme for the next 6 weeks is 'Words in the Air.'

We will be finding out about how we communicate with each other, even across great distances! Through this unit we will be learning about Geography, Art, History, Technology, ICT, Music, P.E. and International issues.

In Geography we'll be finding out

- How to draw maps and plans using symbols
- About differences & similarities between different countries

In Technology we'll be investigating

- Different types of telephones
- How to design & make a mobile phone or i-pod cover

In Art we'll be learning

- How to communicate visually
- About calligraphy

In History we'll be

- Finding out about great inventors from the past who have had an impact on communication
- Exploring how messages were sent in the past

In ICT we'll be finding out

- How to send information including texts, sound & images.

In Science we'll be learning about

- Hearing as a sense
- Sound & light
- Electricity

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

In PSHE we'll be starting to learn about 'Going for goals'

In R.E. we'll be learning about what Christians do when they go to church.

In Music we'll be learning about

- Songs which tell stories

The children will be reading, researching, writing, illustrating, working on their own and working in groups. We will be checking how well your child has learned through particular activities and by asking the children to explain their work, perhaps to you.

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 as the term goes on and let them teach you if they can. If your child has some work to research please help them – **but without actually doing it for them!**

In particular you might be able to discuss how people communicate, especially if they live in a different country. What about in the olden days? If you have any interesting stamps please could your child show them at school?

Try to visit some museums which have pictures, exhibits of objects that have been used for communication (Science museum, Art gallery pictures)

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!

.....Miss Ali