

Year One

Parent Newsletter
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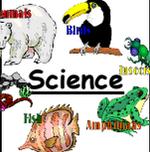
Welcome back after the Christmas break and Happy New Year!



S.H.I.N.E.

Subject	<u>Learning Challenge—</u>
Geography	<u>As Geographers</u> we will be learning about how different countries have different climates. We will be researching hot and cold countries and looking at how the proximity of the equator effects the climates. We will consider what you might wear in different climates. We will also look at where the North and South Poles are on a globe. We will be researching different localities to help us answer the question 'why can't a Meerkat live in the North Pole?' We will also read the book Meerkat Mail.
Art and Design	<u>As Artists</u> we will explore The artist Kitti Narod, looking at his animal artwork and thinking about what we like or dislike about it and how it can inspire our artwork. Our art links to our Science topic, so we will be looking at animal prints and patterns. We will be designing and creating our own tile to print with. We will think about our choice of colour and discuss hot and cold colours, considering how colours can create a mood.
P.E.	P.E. sessions will still be on the following days; All year one classes will have P.E. on Wednesday and Friday afternoons. In outdoor games we will be building on our throwing and catching skills from last term by developing our bat and ball skills. We will be thinking about hand eye coordination, concentration skills and working as teams or in pairs. Our indoor gym lessons will be dance based and we will be linking this to popular stories such as 'We are Going on a Bear Hunt'. We will be learning how to move in different ways for different purposes, how to move in time with music and each other and also how to put movements together into a sequence. You will need your kit in school. If you have long hair you will need a bobble to tie it back, if you wear earrings you will need to take them out or bring in tape.
PSHE	In P.S.H.E we will be learning about the ways in which we learn, identifying ways to improve our learning behaviours and setting ourselves new goals! We will be learning how to set realistic goals and how to reach the goal by devising manageable steps.



Subject	
	<p>In English we will be looking at the story <i>Dear Zoo</i>. This story links to our Geography and Science topics. We will be focussing on reviewing good sentence structures and writing presentation. We will be learning to write a recount from personal experiences, create a report on different animals and countries and write a story which includes a repeated pattern. It is important that good sentence structure is reiterated at home if children are experimenting with writing. Please encourage your child to always include a capital letter, full stop, finger spaces, form letters correctly and sit letters on the line. We really appreciate your support with this.</p>
	<p>As Mathematicians we will be covering number and place value by counting forwards and backwards past 100, grouping objects in 2s, 5s and 10s and comparing using the language of equal to, more than, less than, most, least and fewer. We will also be introducing multiplication and division by solving one-step problems including arrays. In addition we will be learning to recognize and know the value of different denominations of coins and notes. In our Fluency sessions we will be focusing on knowing number bonds to 10 off by heart and then extending to number bonds to 20. Please refer to our website for details of the National Curriculum 2014 to see the national expectations for children in Year One.</p>
	<p><u>As scientists</u> we will be learning about different animals. We will be thinking about the differences between wild and domestic animals, animals and their habitats, their eating habits and learning to classify animals according to their type such as amphibians, reptiles and mammals etc.</p>
	<p>In computing we will be learning to use codes to programme a computer character to move in different ways.</p>
<p>RE</p>	<p>In RE we will be looking at who Jews and Christians are and beginning to look at what they believe in, including their views about creation. Additionally we will consider our responsibility to look after the world we live in.</p>

Please see over for information about homework and general notices. If you are unsure about homework tasks or would like more information on subjects your child will be studying please ask your teachers for help. It is vital we work together to ensure your child's success.

Homework

Each week the children are required to complete homework. This includes reading with your child and practicing spellings. Spelling tests will be on Fridays. Sometimes we will also have a Mathematics test on a Friday, if not we will collect any Maths or topic homework on Fridays. Please check your child's homework diary to see what homework has been set.

Reading

Please make sure you sign your child's reading record when they have read the book. We welcome comments on progress. Please remember your child's reading targets are in the front of their reading record and to record any book that they read.

Maths Open Afternoon

On Wednesday 27th January there will be a Maths Open Afternoon in Year 1 at 1:15pm. We hope you will be able to come in and see what your child has been working on. Your child should have brought home a letter with more information.

Personalised Projects

At times your child will receive homework based on the topics we are covering in addition to their Maths and spelling homework.

Uniform

It is important that as well as trying our best we also look our best. Please make sure that the correct school uniform is worn—details can be seen on our website under 'Information—School Uniform and Dress Code'.

Attendance

Every lesson counts – please allow your child to develop by attending school each day.

We hope you are all well and look forward to your support throughout the term. Don't forget to check Facebook, Twitter and our school website to find out what's going on.

The Year One Brooklands Team