

Year 1 Newsletter : Spring 2 2023

Welcome back to another exciting term of learning in Year 1! I hope you have had a fantastic half term! Many thanks to parents and carers for your efforts in our topic 'Would You Be An Astronaut?' and for the fantastic homework challenges which were handed in. The children learnt lots of new facts about life as an astronaut which they enjoyed sharing with you during the Inspire morning. In our new topic 'What Lives in Our World?' Year 1 will be learning lots about animals. They will be enhancing this knowledge with a visit to Twycross Zoo which will be a fantastic opportunity for children to develop their understanding of animals habitats, body structure and what animals eat.

If there are any issues please do not hesitate to speak to a member of Year 1 staff.

Many thanks,

Miss Stone, Ms Kumari and Miss Millward

Thematic Learning

This term our thematic topic is 'What Lives In Our World?' which will allow children to learn more about animal types, their habitats and their body structure.

This topic links with Geography as the children will be learning about different animal habitats and labelling these on a map of the world. We will also be revisiting the names of the continents and identifying which areas of the world are hot and cold.

In Art and Design children will be using paint to create different animal patterns. This will allow them to contribute to a whole class collage based on the work of our class artist, Henri Rosseau.

In addition, children will be building on their Science knowledge by classifying animals into groups. They will also be identifying carnivores, herbivores and omnivores based on an animal's diet.

This topic also links with Design and Technology as children will be designing and making a bird feeder to encourage more birds to visit the school environment.

Dates for your diary:

Friday 3rd March- World Book Day

Friday 17th March- Red Nose Day

Wednesday 22nd March- Library Van Day

Thursday 23rd March- Parent's Consultation
Evening

Friday 24th March- Year 1 Visit to
Twycross Zoo

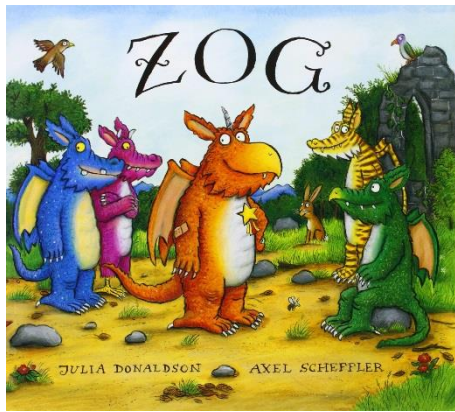


P.E

Please remember that there is a requirement that your child wears a white t-shirt, dark bottoms and appropriate footwear for P.E.

P.E kits should be brought in on Monday and taken home on Friday to be washed.

Earrings should be removed to take part in PE. Please ensure your child knows how to remove their earrings or does not wear earrings to school on a Tuesday.



Literacy and Phonics

In Literacy we will be continuing to develop phonics skills so that children can apply them when reading and writing. Our text focus for this term is 'Zog'. This story allows for lots of opportunities to predict what will happen in the story, as well as infer character's thoughts and feelings. It will also give the children opportunities to retell parts of the story using their own sentence ideas and adjectives. Children will also be expected to apply full stops, finger spaces and capital letters in all sentences.

Numeracy

In Numeracy we will begin the term by recapping how to solve multiplication and division problems using methods previously taught and learning some new methods such as repeated addition. We will also be developing knowledge of fractions and learning how to recognise and identify quarters of shapes, objects and amounts. This half term's learning will also include comparing weight, telling the time to the hour and half past and describing the position of an object. To conclude the term we will be recapping knowledge of addition and subtraction and applying this to solve missing number problems.

Attendance and Punctuality

The continued message from last year is of course that 'Every Day Matters' - Every day that your child misses is a day of learning lost. Please support us by ensuring that your child attends school every day and is in school ready to start their learning by 8.50am.

Homework- Reminder

In Year 1, children are expected to develop some independent work skills. This includes reading (approx 10 minutes per night). We are trying to encourage a love of reading at County Bridge and would love you to share some of your favourite books, stories, poems etc. with your child. Reading books will also be sent home from school which **MUST** be brought to school every day to be used in to be used in one to one reading sessions with a member of staff.

Your child will also have a Reading Journal - We encourage you to write in this book once a week when you hear your child read. We would really love to create a dialogue between parents and school.

Maths homework will continue to be set on Purple Mash, on a Friday and the deadline for completion will be Wednesday a.m - this way children will be able to speak to their teachers on Monday or Tuesday if there is anything that they don't understand.

Spellings will also be set weekly on Purple Mash on a Friday. They will then do their spelling test on the following Friday. Your child is expected to learn their spellings by carrying out Look, Cover, Write & Check and then use the spellings in context by writing different sentences. Your child's Purple Mash homework will be marked by Miss Stone or Miss Millward.

Your child will also receive a Thematic Homework Challenge this week. This has been designed to encourage collaborative work between children and their parents. It can be handed in at any point during the half term and should reflect children's learning in school.