

Year 1 - Spring Term!

Dear Parents,

I hope that you have all had a lovely half-term break in the sunshine!

This half-term we will be using our knowledge of toys and games to think about how we can help others to have fun. We are going to learn more about how children around the world have fun. We will focus on popular games played in rural Africa by children. Most are handmade from recycled materials.

Reading

As children are becoming more proficient in reading, it is vital that they are spending a significant amount of time discussing the story/text as well as just reading it. I will reiterate this in class too and encourage children to keep books longer than one night to ensure that they have time to delve into the text. They need to understand what they are reading and be able to make plausible inferences based on what they have read. Please ensure you are asking questions about the characters, feelings, actions and events. If you require any further support with this then please let me know.

Possible questions could include...
Who are the characters?
What is the story about?
How might the character be feeling?
Why do you think that?
Why do you think a character behaved like they did?
What do you think might happen next?
Why do you think that?

Phonics

Most children are now into a good routine with their phonics homework. We are now encouraging the children to take 2 or 3 of the words that they have found containing the letter string and asking them to practise writing these in a sentence. This helps them to embed the correct spelling pattern, practice constructing a sentence and practice punctuation.

Maths

Maths homework will continue to either be activity-based or on the Active Learn website, depending on what is most appropriate for each week's work. We will be learning to put into practise the number work and addition and subtraction skills we have been learning to solve a variety of problems this half-term involving graphs, money and weights and measures. There is a slight change to the time table this half term and I will be teaching on Thursday p.m. but not Friday p.m. Mrs Heaviside will be Monday and Friday and Mrs McLester will be teaching Tuesday p.m.

Many Thanks

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