

Dates for your diary

Friday 8th February

Trip to Legoland

Friday 15th February

End of term

Please feel free to drop me an email if you have any questions or book an appointment to see me after school.

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With best wishes,

Mrs Obertelli and the Year 1 team

Year 1

Our topic is

Grandma's Toy Box



Spring Term 1 2019

Class News

Happy New Year! I hope you have all enjoyed the festive break. Thank you from all of us in Year 1 for your cards and gifts. This half term the children will continue to bring home a weekly spelling list of 6 words. An overview of the spellings has been sent home with this booklet. Week 1 is a repeat from last half term to ensure these words are embedded. The spellings will be sent home with homework on a Wednesday to be returned the following Monday, when the children will be tested. Homework will be a variety of phonics, maths and english based tasks. Homework is sent to consolidate any learning that may have taken place the previous week. As we are sending spellings home, reading books will continue to be changed twice a week on a Monday and a Thursday. To encourage independence, the children are asked to take their reading books, homework and spellings out of their bags on the appropriate days.

Grandma's Toy Box

Our topic this half term is Grandma's Toy Box. This is a history based topic where we will learn how toys have changed throughout the years. Homework this week is for the children to talk to different members of their family, to find out what they played with when they were younger. We will learn the history of teddy bears and how Theodore Roosevelt and Margaret Steiff were involved. **If the children have any books/information they would like to share about this topic, please feel free to bring them into school.**

English

During this half term we will be writing non chronological reports and learning about traditional tales. As with all units the focus throughout is to consolidate the use of capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. We will then expand our sentences with adjectives and a variety of punctuation. A key objective for Year 1 is that they can say, and hold in memory whilst writing, simple sentences that make sense. We encourage the children to think of their sentence, say it out loud and then write it down. Another focus this half term is letter formation. Ensuring letters are formed correctly and are the right size. Please encourage the use of the letter formation rhymes that were given out at parents evening.

Reading

Reading books continue to be changed every Monday and Thursday. If a book is not yet finished it will be changed the next book changing day. The children will read individually to an adult once a week and they will also participate in a guided reading session. Please try to read each day with your children and write this into their reading record, along with any comments about how they are finding it, etc. Reading includes asking key questions about the text as well as making predictions and talking about how characters are feeling.

Maths

Maths this half term will focus on a variety of topics. We will start with place value before moving on to fractions, weight, money, time and multiplication. We will be improving our reasoning skills, counting forwards and backwards to 100 and counting in twos, fives and tens.

Science

This term we will start our new topic of Everyday materials. The children will be able to distinguish between an object and the material from which it is made and identify and name a variety of everyday materials. We will then look at the properties of these materials and compare them. Throughout the year we will also look at seasonal changes and how the weather differs in each season.

R.E.

In R.E. we will be focusing on God and Creation.

In class worship we will be learning about our school Christian Values and what they mean to us. We will also spend time on being HeartSmart.

P.E.

P.E. will take place on a Monday and Tuesday this half term. We will be focusing on dance and tennis. Please ensure PE kits are in school each day as these days can be subject to change. Earrings need to be removed for these lessons.