

## Dates for your diary

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May

Bank Holiday Monday

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

End of half 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

## Extreme Survival



Summer Term 1 2019

# Class News

Welcome back!

I hope you have all had a lovely Easter break. This half term the children will continue to bring home a weekly spelling list of 6 words. An overview of the spellings, and the date they will be tested, has been sent home with this booklet. The spellings will be sent home with homework on a Wednesday to be returned the following Monday. Homework will be a variety of tasks based on our current topics and is sent to consolidate learning. With this homework there will be an additional sheet of real and nonsense words for the children to read. This is extra practice for the phonics screening check, which takes place next half term. Reading books will continue to be changed twice a week on a Monday and a Thursday. To encourage independence, the children are expected to take their reading books, homework and spellings out of their bags on the appropriate days.

## Extreme Survival

Our topic this half term is Extreme Survival.

We will look at animal and human survival. Then think about what we would need to take in a rucksack for an outdoor adventure. Next we will look into the history of scouting, learning about Lord Baden Powell and the current leader Bear Grylls. Finally, we will research the explorer Ernest Shackleton and compare his expeditions with the present day.

**If the children have any books or information at home relating to this topic, they are more than welcome to bring them in and share with the rest of the class.**

## English

This half term we will be looking at stories by the same author (Oliver Jeffers) and traditional rhyme. We are now expecting the children to write sentences using appropriate capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. If they are confident and consistent in this objective then we are extending their writing with conjunctions, adjectives and punctuation such as question marks. We are also looking for the correct spelling of tricky words and the use of phonics.

## 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. Please use the bookmarks provided to ask a variety of comprehension questions.

## Maths

Maths this half term will include number and place value, 3D shape, multiplication and position and direction. The children will be practising their maths facts which include: number bonds to 10, counting in 2s 5s and 10s and counting to 100.

## Science

This half term we will look at seasonal changes from Winter to Spring. After this we will start our new topic of plants. The children will be learning about different plants, trees and flowers and what is needed for them to survive. We will develop our scientific enquiry skills through observation and investigation.

## R.E.

In R.E. we will finish learning about The Easter Story and then think about why Baptism is special.

## P.E.

PE will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday. The children will be given the opportunity to develop fundamental movement skills and a range of opportunities to extend their agility, balance and coordination. PE kits should be in school every day and earrings cannot be worn during these lessons. PE will take place outside on some days, weather permitting.