



Year 1 Term 4 Newsletter

Welcome back!

The children have come back refreshed and eager to learn and we've made a great start to the term! In English this term, we are reading 'The Great Kapok Tree', a beautiful narrative all about the Amazon Rainforest. By the end of this term, the children will have gained the skills to write a letter, explaining the importance of the rainforest and what humans can do to keep it safe. On the journey to writing the letter, the children will be learning all about the Amazon and the magnificent wonders it holds.

In Maths, we will now be moving on to using numbers between 0-50. We will begin by learning all about the place value of numbers up to 50 and will then move onto various skills e.g. 1 more/1less.

RE

This term we will be looking at a variety of bible stories of the Holy Week and Easter with a focus on the 'Salvation' (Jesus rescuing people). The children will spend time discussing whether the Easter story has anything to say to them about happiness, sadness, hope or heaven.

We will spend the term discussing our big question –

'Why does Easter matter to Christians?'

This term's Christian value is: **Forgiveness**

Home Learning:

This term's home learning will be uploaded onto google classroom. If you would like a paper copy of this or would like a homework book to complete it in, please let your class teacher or TA know. Send your completed learning into class OR upload onto google classroom.

Dates to put in your diary:

28/2 – Dragonfly's Class Worship – 9.15am in the main hall (Parents welcome)

7/3 – World Book Day (Children dress up as a book character)

12/3 – Trust Development Day (No pupils to attend school)

15/3 – Red Nose Day (Non-uniform day)

19/3 – Parent Consultations (3.30-6pm)

21/3 – Parent Consultations (4.30-7pm)

25/3 – KS1 Easter worship – 9.30am (Parents welcome)

27/3 – Easter egg decorating competition and Easter cake sale at 2.30pm

28/3 – Staff development day (No pupils to attend school)

Reading

Please read with your children as often as you can, it is so important to support the learning they are doing in school and they love showing off their new phonics skills! The children have gained a love for reading and this is really showing in class. Please make sure you are recording their home reading in their reading records.

What are we learning in our Foundation Subjects?

Science: Parts of plant

History: The Tudor Period

Geography: Who was Christopher Columbus?

DT: Exploring and designing a cart

Computing: Data

Art: Van Gogh

PE: Gymnastics and Agility

Music: Comparing Pop and Classical music

Phonic Support

We are now at the stage in Year 1 where the children are expected to independently use their phonics to support them in spelling and reading. If your child spells a word phonetically correct, please praise them, even if the word is spelt incorrectly e.g. **munkee** instead of **monkey**.

Please let your class teacher know if you would like any support with using phonics at home. We can also provide extra activities for your child to complete at home too.

Reminders

Please continue to make sure your child is being dropped at the Year 1 gate rather than their classroom door. This is to encourage independence, they have been doing so well with this.

Thank you for your support.