

Year 1 Newsletter

January 2024



Term 3 and 4

Arundel Class teachers: Mrs Webster
Mon- Tue Mrs Kington Weds-Fri
Bodiam Class teacher: Mrs Moral & Miss Gibbs.

Diary dates

Please be aware that more dates may be added in due course.

HALF TERM - 13th - 17th February

Information

If you need to contact your child's class teacher, they are available for a quick chat after school or you can email queries to the year 1 email address year1@st-marks.kent.sch.uk

Now the season is changing please ensure your child has a coat in school.

P.E

Arundel will have P.E on a Monday and Wednesday
Bodiam will have P.E on a Tuesday and Wednesday.

Your child will need to arrive in appropriate PE kit (jogging bottoms if it is cold) and will remain in their kit all day.

English:

In English we will be continuing to explore plenty of high-quality texts to support the children's love of books. We will be using the books Wild by Emily Hughes and The Lonely Beast by Chris Judge. We will be continuing to use our phonic knowledge to help construct sentences.

We will be using pronouns, nouns, and adjectives to improve our writing.

DT

In Term 3 we will be looking at Puppets. We will explore how to attach fabrics, then we will design, make and decorate our very own puppets,

Reading:

We hope you are enjoying the Little Wandle books. We are still doing 3 sessions of reading a week. The book must be brought in every day. We look at different reading skills such as decoding, prosody and comprehension. It is important that the children read their school book at home. Just 10 minutes a day really makes a difference! Reads will be counted every Thursday. When you get to 100 reads your child can pick a special book from our reading cabinet.

Maths:

In Maths we will be learning about place value within 20. We will be looking at addition and subtraction within 20 before moving on to place value within 50. Later in the term, we will be learning about measurement of height, length, mass and volume.

Geography

In Term 3 our focus will be on where we live. We will look at the seven continents of the world and look closely at the four countries that make up the United Kingdom.

In Term 4 we will be looking at farming. We will be exploring the features of a farm and learning to use a map and symbols to navigate around a farm.

Naming clothing!

We cannot stress enough how important it is that all jumpers, cardigans, hats and gloves are named as well as coats! At the moment it is especially important that children can identify their own belongings.

Science:

In Science our topic is Animals and we will be learning to identify and name a variety of common animals and to put them in to appropriate groups. We will look at why some animals fall within particular groups and consider their key characteristics. We will explore mammals, birds, amphibians, reptiles and fish. We will also be looking at seasonal change, planting and caring for the planet.

R.E:

In RE we are learning about Christianity and the Gospels. Christians believe that Jesus brings good news for all people and we will learn about this news and the ideas of friendship, forgiveness and peace. We will look at how Jesus spread his good news through parables, which are stories with an important message. We will look at The Parables of the Lost Sheep, The Tax Collector, The Good Samaritan and The Ten Lepers amongst others. We will also look at why Easter matters to Christians.

Home learning:

Your child will be coming home with a list of High Frequency Words, please practise sight reading these words. Additionally, learning to spell them will support their writing in the coming weeks.