



Welcome to Year 1 & Year 2's Newsletter  
Spring 1 2019

Welcome Back!

We hope you have had a wonderful half term and a lovely Christmas and are ready for all the excitement of spring 1.

Exciting English

Year 1

Year 1 children will be firstly reading some *Hairy Tales* as inspiration to write their own poems. For their narrative unit, they will be reading the story *Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain* which has a repeating pattern that will help them to retell it. They will then finally be writing their own reports all about Owls.

Year 2

Year 2 will begin by looking at traditional tales, in particular *The Three Little Pigs*. They will then study *Instructions* by Neil Gaiman as their non-fiction unit. Finally, they will read a very strange poem about an alien who has stolen their underpants!

Marvellous Maths

Year 1

Year 1 will be consolidating their understanding of addition and subtraction within 20 to begin with and then move forward to furthering their understanding of place value within 50. Within this unit, they will also be learning the multiples of 2, 5 and 10 so any practise of this at home will be really useful! Finally, they will move onto looking at measurement specifically height and length,

Year 2

Year 2 will be mastering their understanding of addition and subtraction through solving a variety of money problems in spring 1. They will then move onto their geometry unit where they will be looking at the properties of different shapes.

PE

Please remember children should wear a **white t-shirt** and **black bottoms** for PE. They should also have **pumps or trainers**. Kits should be brought into school on a **Monday** and taken home on **Friday**. PE will be on the following days for each class:  
Miss Merrick - Friday AM  
Miss Lago - Tuesday  
Mrs Pang - Friday PM

Times Tables

Please can you encourage your children to recall their times tables quickly? KS1 will be concentrating on their 2s, 5s and 10s throughout the year. It is very important that they know them at speed. There are lots of games online to help them too: a good one is, 'Hit the Button!'

Topic: Paws, Claws and Whiskers

This term we have an exciting topic all about animals! The children will be exploring the differences and similarities between all kinds of animals and, if they're really good, they might even get to meet some! Once they become experts in this field, they will then design their very own zoo or wildlife park. They will be able to identify different locations on a map where their chosen animals originated from.

Science: Living Things

The children will be exploring the differences between herbivores, carnivores and omnivores. They will also identify and name a variety of common animals. In other lessons, the children will be describing and comparing the structure of a variety of common animals (fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals, including pets).

RE: How do we say thank you for the Earth?

In RE the children will learn about the cycles of the year including creation, harvest and thanks.

ICT

This term the children will be using technology purposefully to create, organise, store, manipulate and retrieve digital content. This means they will be using technology to research animals and to collect images of their chosen animals.



PSHE: Dreams and Goals

Our topic in PSHE will explore the children's aspirations and will also teach them how to stay motivated when doing something challenging. It's all about resilience!

Pet Detectives

This half term the children will be faced with the following challenge:

**'The local pet shop needs your help!**

Some very mysterious creatures have arrived in a crate from somewhere very far away. They are unlike anything ever seen before. The pet shop owners do not know where the creatures are from or how to look after them. They are not sure how to feed them or what kind of home they need.

They need some 'Pet Detectives' to spend time with these animals to try and find out more about them and how to look after them.'

We wonder whether the children will be successful in solving the mystery!



Weekly Homework

Please remember homework should be handed in every Monday. Children will be issued with homework on Wednesday along with homework diaries that should be signed by parents. They are a communication tool for us all. Reading books should be changed weekly and reading records signed also.

Topic Homework.

We will be sending home a sheet with a variety of different activities for the children to do. Please have a look and support your children to complete some of the activities.

**A reminder:** Children should always be wearing their school uniform with black shoes. Children should not wear any jewellery except a watch and stud earrings. **Please make sure that the children's belongings are labelled with their names.**