



Autumn Term 2017

Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter

Our Topic this term is: Rainforests

Welcome to Year 1! This term we will be taking a trek into the depths of the jungle as we explore the fascinating world of the rainforest. We will discover where the rainforests are, what they are like and who lives in rainforests (including animals, plants and indigenous peoples).

Federation Day:

We will be joined by our Walton friends on Tuesday 26th September for a RE themed day.



PE: In the first half term we will be combining rugby and multi-skills, which will culminate in a festival at the Riverside Leisure Centre. After half term, we will be joined by nationally recognised dance teacher Cheryl Day. She'll help us learn dances linked to our topic in preparation for the Christmas nativity.



Design: We have some exciting Art projects to design and make this term. We will be working with clay to create a 3D rainforest animal, and using different materials to make an animal which moves. Also, in our classroom we have a Creative Area, where the children will be challenged to Design, Make and Evaluate their own creations.

Weekly Events:

Spelling Test: The spelling test will be every Thursday. The children's scores can be found at the back of their homework book. (See spellings on additional sheet). As the term progresses we will be introducing dictation. When the children in Year 1 have their test, children will begin by writing one dictated sentence, then being tested on the individual words.

Reading Challenge: We will be monitoring children's reading and expect the children to be reading **at least 3 times a week at home**. The children whom are successful with this will receive a certificate at the end of each half term. Please can reading records come in every day to help us with this, and please remember to sign and date the book each time your child reads.

Homework: The weekly homework task will be given out every Friday. It needs to be brought back to school by the following Thursday. In our classroom we have a homework tray so the children can hand in their book whenever they would like to. If there are any problems, please don't worry, just pop a note in their reading record or come in and see us.

Fred and his Special Book: This year 'Fred' will come to visit you for a weekend (or maybe even two!). The child who Fred goes home with will be asked to tell us about his adventures the following week, and other members of the class may have a few questions about what he has been up to. Please take good care of him! Enjoy!



RE: We will be thinking about creation, and identifying things which make our world special. Similarly, we will discuss the question; why does Christmas matter to Christians?

Geography: We will be comparing Longhorsley to the Amazon Rainforest. In doing so, we will be beginning to understand the world's 7 continents and the human and physical geography of these two different places. We will definitely need to use maps, atlases and simple compass directions to help us!



Science: In Year 1 Science, we will be asking simple questions and using our observations and ideas to suggest answers to questions. We will have to perform simple tests and record and explain our findings.