

Year 1 Newsletter

Middleton Parish Church School

Spring 1 2023

English Reading

This half term in reading, we are going to be reading "Lost and Found" and "Meerkat Mail".



Writing

In writing, we will begin by writing a non-chronological report about Queen Elizabeth II. This links to our previous learning in History last half term. We will be having a "Royal day" on Monday 9th January to learn more about the queen. Then we will be writing a narrative based on the story Lost and Found, in which a penguin is lost and found.

Outdoor Shoes

To ensure all children can engage fully in our playtime provision, we ask that old, sturdy trainers and a pair of football/walking/thick socks are brought into school in a plastic bag. These shoes will be used for Forest School and field games such as football. Ideally, we ask that these are left in school Mon-Fri.



Science

Our science topic this term is 'Animals including humans' and 'Seasonal change'. We will be learning all about different animals and the structure and classification of groups of animals according to their structures. We will also learn the language herbivore, carnivore and omnivore.



Reading

Class Novels

This half term we will be reading lots of different books about hot and cold places linked to our Geography topic.

Reading Books and BoomReader!

All children will take one or two books home that support the phonics learning taking place in class and the level that they are working at. Some children will also receive a share together book; these books contain words that cannot be decoded using phonics knowledge but they are great to support vocabulary development. Please share these books with your child.

All books should come into school and back home each day to maximise reading opportunities. Children have a vocabulary book which is kept in school and tricky words are added to and recapped to ensure understanding of words.

Adults in school will read with all children at least once a week. We ask that children read at home daily.

All reading should be recorded on Boom Reader in order for children to earn maximum gems! Problem words/new vocabulary can be added on go read.



Contacting Us

If you need to talk to Miss Collier or Mrs Matthews please do not hesitate to send us an email.

Our class email address is

year1@middletonparishce.rochdale.sch.uk

As we teach full time, it may take up to 5 days for us to reply. If you need to pass on a message in an emergency, please contact the school office.

If you need to update contact details, allergy/medical information etc you can email the school office.

The school office email is

office@middletonparishce.rochdale.sch.uk

Sometimes families need a little extra support with things such as housing, employment, emotional well-being and parenting. Our Engagement and Inclusion team are here to help, including signposting families to services outside of school. Should you need it the team's email is

EandI@middletonparishce.rochdale.sch.uk

Geography

In Geography, we will be learning about the weather and how this changes with the different seasons. We will learn where on a map/globe the north and south poles are and learn that halfway between these poles is the equator – an imaginary line around the Earth. We will then identify human and physical features in different environments.

P.E and Forest School

P.E and Forest School is on a Wednesday for Year 1. Children should ensure they wear the correct outdoor kit on a Wednesday and bring their wellies in a named plastic carrier bag if the weather is bad.

PSHE

Our Heart Smart topic is 'Don't Rub it in, Rub it Out'. We will be learning about making mistakes and dealing with them appropriately. We will learn what to look for in a good friend and how our friends can help us



Religious Education

In R.E. we will be learning about Jesus and how he was a special man. We will listen to stories from the Bible that tell us Jesus was special. We will learn about miracles that Jesus performed.



Maths

In Maths this term we are looking at place value. We are focussing on the numbers 0 – 20. The children can already count up to and backwards within 20 but we will now deepen their understanding of these numbers. We will learn about tens and ones, we will write numerals the correct way and we will learn to write the names of these numbers, for example eighteen, nineteen etc.

We will continue with our arithmetic lessons where we will ensure fluency when working with adding and subtracting numbers, number bonds, double and halves.

