



Monkton Church of England
Primary School

Newsletter for Class 1
Term 2

In God's eyes, Everyone is special.

English

This term will continue to practice writing our names and will be paying particular attention to ensure we write them using the handwriting style we have been taught at school. We will be sharing lots of stories and talk about characters, what we think will happen next and give our opinions on them. We have learnt lots of sounds now and will be introduced to some more. This term we will be practicing our blending and will start to read simple CVC words. We will also continue to practice to write our sounds down and begin to explore writing simple CVC words. We are already writing down our initial sounds! Phonics lessons will continue to be taught daily as well as our reading sessions 3 times a week.

Communication and Language

This term the children we will continue to encourage the children to share their likes and dislikes. We will be encouraging to give reasons for their opinions. As the children are now confident with one another we will have more speak and share times and other them more opportunities to present their work to one another. The children will also be introduced new language within our topics and will be helped to use them within their speech.

Maths

Every day will we have our 'Maths Mash Up' sessions where we will sing songs and play simple games to practice our counting up and down using numbers to 20. Here we will also begin to learn the days of the weeks and talk about the weather. In our Maths lessons we will be working with numbers to 10 to count, add, subitise and represent in different ways.

General

Welcome to back Bee Class! We had such a great term last term, lets make this one even better!

This term our topic will be 'Starry Night.' Here the children think all about what happens at night. We will talk about what we do at night time, who comes out at night and how it is different to daytime. Later on in the term we will start our topic 'Winter Wonderland'. Where will we think about places far away that are cold and of course... Christmas!

RE

The first topic we have in RE is 'Why do Christians Perform Nativity Plays at Christmas'. We will learn all about the special story and why baby Jesus was so special to Christians. We will retell the story in all different ways as well as think about ourselves as babies and why we were special. We will then start to rehearse our own Nativity!

ICT

The children will have access to our class computer during their child-initiated play where the adults will help them to play games and create simple pictures.

Physical Development

Activities will be set up to allow the children to develop their fine motor skills. They will be using equipment to draw, cut, fold, pinch and grip. From Week 1 will be having our PE sessions every Monday so please can PE kits be in from next week. Thank you.

Other Specific Areas

Understanding the World

As we did with Autumn, we will be looking very closely at the changes that happen during Winter and how this affects the weather and the animals who live outside. We will also think about what this means for us. How do we need to change our behaviour? How might what we wear change now?

We will find out about the Arctic and discuss what it is like there and how it is different from where we live.

Expressive Arts & Design

We will continue to allow the children make their wonderful creations with the junk modelling and playdough in their free play. We will also make some lovely firework paintings in Week 1.

Vocabulary

Below are some words that the children will come across during their learning that they might be unfamiliar with that you might like to help them understand:

<u>Topic</u>	<u>Maths</u>	<u>English</u>
Arctic	one more/one less	Blend
frozen	Forwards	Word
nocturnal	Backwards	Sentence

Websites

- Games to aid Letters and Sounds, using the pure sound.
- <http://www.letters-and-sounds.com/phase-2.html>
- Counting forwards and backwards through song:
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/learning/schoolradio/subjects/mathematics/countingsongs>
- A variety of mathematic games:
<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?Subject=37>

Special days/ Come join us

Monday 31st October- Term 2 starts

Friday 4th November- Numbot Day (Dress as a Robot)

Wednesday 7th December- Class 1 Trip to see 'Under the Frozen Moon' at The Gulbenkian. (more info to come)

Tuesday 13th December- Class 1 Nativity 9.30am

Tuesday 13th December- Christingle Service at Monkton Church 6.00pm

Wednesday 14th December- Christmas Lunch

Thursday 15th December- Open afternoon (Please come and see our Christmas work)

Friday 16th December- Panto visit/party/ end of Term 2