

# Year 1/2 Spring Term Newsletter

Hello, Year 1 and Year 2! We are having another exciting, fun term at school.

## English

This term we have used 'The Train Ride' by June Crebbin as a writing stimulus for our own version of a story – we had lots of interesting journeys. We have then used 'On bonfire night' to create our own poems. We wrote about Christmas! This half term we will be reading 'The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark' by Jill Tomlinson and 'A meerkat Christmas' by Emily Gravett. We continue to have an hour of Phonics/Accelerated Reader per day in which the children read daily. We're very excited to begin using our new library this term.

## RE

In RE we have been learning about 'beginnings'. We thought about all the new beginning we have had. We have learned the creation story and written prayers of thanks God for all the wonderful things he has created. We also produced some lovely artwork to represent God's creation of night and day. We learned all about harvest and 'food poverty' for our Harvest liturgical prayer which we hope you enjoyed. We have also learned about Judaism.

## Mathematics

In maths we have been learning about place value. We have looked at how numbers can be partitioned into tens and ones. We have also place value grids, part whole models and ten frames. We have also looked at greater than and fewer than. We found the word 'fewer' quite tricky but have worked hard on it. We have recently moved onto money and are learning how to recognise coins (Year 1) and add different amounts (Year 2) – please can you work on this at home. We will be moving on to addition and subtraction shortly.

## Science

In science we have been learning about materials. We are learning how to name an object and the material it is made from, identify and name a variety of materials (wood, plastic, glass, metal, water and rock), describe the simple physical properties of a variety of every day materials, compare a variety of everyday materials and group them together on the basis of their properties. Charles Macintosh and John Dunlop have been our key scientists for this terms,

## PE

In PE we have been learning about balancing during our gymnastics topic. We are also learning ball skills. This half term we have additional PE on a Wednesday which is from a Mixed Martial Arts Specialist.

## Computing

We are learning about technology all around us.

## Music

Music focus for the term – 'Hey you' and 'rhythm in the way we walk' from the 'Charanga' music programme.

## History and Geography

In history we are learning about 'The Gunpowder Plot' and in Geography 'Where we live'. We have learned all about the local area and its links to the railways.

## Art and Design Technology

We have been exploring colour mixing through emotion. In black history month we explored Ndebele art with a key focus on Esther Mahlangu.

## RSE

We have been using the topic 'created and loved by God', which includes 'religious understanding', 'me, my body and health', 'emotional well-being' and 'life cycles'.



Homework is given out every Friday to be returned by no later than the following Wednesday. Reading books are collected in on a Thursday and will be given back out on a Friday. Please read with your children every night if possible. PE for the rest of the term will be on a Wednesday AND Thursday.