

TRAWDEN FOREST PRIMARY SCHOOL

Class Topic Newsletter - Year 1

Every child matters; every moment counts!

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We hope you have had a wonderful summer break and managed to enjoy some sunshine! We are very excited about getting to know you all, and we have lots of exciting things planned for the next half term. Mrs Smith will teach Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and Miss Howarth will also teach on a Wednesday and for the remainder of the week. Mrs Nelson will be with the class all week.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or queries.

Mrs Smith, Miss Haworth and Mrs Nelson.

Homework:

- Spellings: We will send home six Year 1 common exception words for the children to practise and learn each week. There will not be a formal spelling test but we will be looking out for the correct spellings in the children's work throughout the week.
- Reading: Please support your child at home by listening to them read daily and by exploring websites such as www.phonicsplay.com, which has a range of free resources. Books will be changed on **Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays** providing a comment has been written in their reading record. Please also record any other books that your child has chosen to read at home or the library. The children will also get the opportunity to visit the school library and choose a book to bring home every Wednesday in a separate bag.
- Maths: This half term we will be focusing on counting, reading and writing numbers to 20 so please look for opportunities to practise these every day.

Reminders:

Please ensure that your child has a bottle of water every day, labelled with their name, to keep them hydrated and a healthy school afternoon snack.

The school door will be opened by a member of staff at 8:45am and the children are welcome to come into school at this time. The children will line up on the footprints at the end of the day to be collected. Please let us know when you collect them from the line so we know they have left school safely.

Please be aware that children are not allowed to play on the school equipment before or after school for health and safety reasons. Thank you for your support with this.

Birthdays this half term!

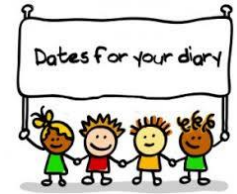


Friday 13th September - Roald Dahl Day - the children can come to school with their favourite book and dress up as their favourite character or in school uniform.

Thursday 26th September - Non-uniform day - Please bring in a cake donation for Macmillan

Friday 27th September - Macmillan coffee morning - 9.15am - 11.15am

Friday 4th October - Crazy Hair Day! - Please bring in a £1 donation in exchange for wearing crazy hair for the day.



Our topic this term is 'The Great Fire of London' and will include:

English - We will focus on letter formation and sentence structure. Then we will look at repetitive patterned stories such as Zog by Julia Donaldson.

Maths - We will be focusing on number formation, number and place value and addition and subtraction.

Science - Everyday materials - We will investigate and explore a range of materials in order to understand their properties. They will then plan an experiment to find out which material will be the best for making an umbrella.

Computing - We will visit the ICT suite and begin to learn basic computer skills such as logging on and off the computer, how to use a mouse and where the letters are on a keyboard.

RE - We will focus on Christianity in particular the symbol of water and how this is linked to Baptism.

Music - We will begin to recognise the basic style indicators of Hip Hop through listening and appraising the songs we will be learning.

Geography - We will be looking at London past and present to develop an awareness of how it has developed and changed since 1666.

History - We will be travelling back in time to 1666 to learn about the significant event of The Great Fire of London. We will learn about the key events of the Great Fire: understanding how the fire started, spread across London and how the city was rebuilt after the Great Fire.



PE - The sessions will be delivered on a Wednesday. We will also be taking part in active sessions every day. **Please label all items in your child's PE kit and ensure it is in school every day.**

Forest School - We will be linking this with our Science sessions and visit the field when necessary. **Please ensure children have suitable clothing in school for all weathers in a labelled bag that can be kept in school (wellington boots, either an all-in-one waterproof suit OR waterproof pants and jacket are easy for the children to put on over their school uniform. Please also include a scarf and gloves for the colder weather).**

Year 1 Booket List:

We put together a list of books that we would like to read by the end of Year 1. If you have any spare copies of our books we would love to have them!

- *Captain Pug* - Laura James
- *The Last Wolf* - Mini Grey
- *The Enormous Potato* - Aubrey Davis
- *Grandpa's Garden* - Stella Fry
- *Katie and the Sunflowers* - James Mathew
- *Revolting Rhymes* - Roald Dahl
- *Ladybird* - Eric Carle
- *Vlad and the Great Fire of London* - Kate Cunningham
- *Funnybones* - Janet and Allen Ahlberg
- *Where the Wild Things Are* - Maurice Sendak

Bucket List:

We have decided on a list of activities that we would like to do together as a class throughout the year.

- Buy something from a shop
- Make pipe cleaner insects
- Make a traditional biscuit
- Visit Trawden Park
- Make a potion
- Visit a farm