

Dear Parents

Firstly, I would like to wish you all a Happy New Year and best wishes for 2018. We are already well in to our learning this term and the children are very excited to have started our new topic, "America." We will be learning about both North and South America during this topic, and we will also be learning all about space! The children have already produced some excellent work based around this topic and we are all excited to see what the term will bring.

In Maths we are now focusing on multiplication and division in both year groups, with Year 1 focusing more on counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and division by sharing, whilst Year 2 are focusing on their times tables and solving word problems related to multiplication and division. I am very happy with the progress that the children made in term one, they have retained the methods that they have learned and we will continue to revise them throughout the year. Year 2 will start to have weekly times table tests as of Friday 26th January, where they will be tested on the 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

The children are progressing very well in writing. Year 1 will continue to have 3 Read Write Inc lessons a week with Mrs Smith and Mrs Grogan. During this time, Year 2 get a focused hour with me, working on specific writing skills that they can implement into their writing. On a Monday we have a grammar focus lesson and on Fridays we have a 'Big Write', which involves the children studying a stimuli and producing a piece of writing independently based on the picture. This is a fantastic way of building the children's imagination and developing their writing skills. It is a firm favourite time of the week in Rabbit Class!

We are continuing to use our Dojo point system this term and the children are still really excited about getting them which is great for positive reinforcement. Our system involves the child with the most points in each year group getting a prize from the prize box at the end of the week. We reset our points every Monday to ensure each child has an equal chance of winning each week.

I would like to thank everybody who has helped out in our class over the last term. We have had wonderful volunteers for various activities and your help is very much appreciated! We are likely to need some help with upcoming events over the next term so your continued support is appreciated.

Just a reminder of PE days in Class 1:

Monday 1.30 – 2.30	Outdoor PE with Igor
Tuesday 9.00 – 10.00	Outdoor PE with Mr Norton
Wednesday 2.00 -2.40	Gymnastics with Mrs Hanger
Friday 1.00 – 2.00	Dance with Miss Joel

Please do not hesitate to contact me or speak to me after school if there is anything I can help or assist with.

Many thanks

Miss Joel