

CLASS ONE

WELCOME BACK!

Happy New Year! I hope that you are all refreshed and ready to learn. We have a new term and a new topic. What will we learn about this term? These pages have ideas of activities to do at home. These will all help your learning at school. Above all, have **fun** - remember that's how we learn best!

English

You all worked very hard last term on your reading. We have a whole new set of topic books to learn from. Remember that our library day is Wednesday, so if you would like to change your book, bring it back that day.

During our phonics time we will continue to look at a new phoneme or word ending. With your family try to find as many words with that sound in. Will you be able to write those words in your stories? I'll let you know each week which phoneme we will be looking at.

This is a great place to play phonic games www.phonicsplay.co.uk

We will also be learning the names of the letters of the **alphabet** in order. Can you play my alphabet game? Find every letter of the alphabet in order in your house. It may be on a newspaper, on your hair shampoo bottle or on your breakfast cereal box!!

We will continue to work on our handwriting and begin to join letters.

This term we will be looking at fantasy stories and trying to write our own. Where will your stories take you? Remember some of the settings that we looked at last term.

Maths

We are continuing to learn our number bonds and to be able to add and say them quickly. This will help when we use our tens and ones. Remember how we made sets of tens and ones using straws. Try making sets of tens using lego bricks. Can you make 10 sets of 10. How many will you have?

We have practised counting in tens, twos and fives. When you walk around your house try counting in twos for every step.

Science

This term we will be learning about different senses and how we use them. We will be investigating taste, sight and sound. What would you like to find out?

Our Local Environment compared with other parts of the world

Last term we learned about the area that we live in. This term we are going to compare where we live with other parts of the world. We will look at mountains, volcanoes, oceans and different types of weather. We will look at cloud patterns and weather forecasts.



Life skills challenge!

How have you been getting on with the life skills challenge? Many of you have been telling me about all that you have done and some have brought in photographs.

By the end of the year how many of these can you complete? If you can think of any extra ones let me know!

Find some minibeasts,
Make a phone call with adult permission,
Lay the table,
Make a sandwich using a favourite filling,
Write a postcard,
Choose a book from the library,
Look at cloud patterns - what can you see?
Identify common birds,
Buy something from a shop with an adult,
Visit a castle,
Plant some seeds,
Take a photo,
Try a new food,
Use a clock to plan the programme you are going to watch or play day you are going on,
Use a map to find your home,
Make a den in the garden,
Help to make your tea,
Change your duvet!
Peg out the washing,
Follow a shopping list at the supermarket,
Sort the recycling at home,
Know your full address and postcode,

So how will I know what you have been doing at home? You will be bursting with excitement about it!! Also, you will all have a folder to put anything in to share with the class.

Mrs Watts