

Year 1 Newsletter

November 2016

We have had a busy and successful start to the Year and the first half term flew by. Please continue to feel able to talk to any of us about any questions or concerns you may have and we look forward to seeing you all at parents evening and share a lesson during November.

Highlights of this half term will be of course our Christmas production (13.12.16) and our visits to the Catterick cinema (11.11.16) and pantomime at the Georgian Theatre Richmond (6.12.16).

P.E. Kits

Please make sure your child has their P.E. kit in school at all times. We will send it home at half-term to be washed.

Topics

This half term begins with us studying bonfire night and Remembrance before continuing with our "Ourselves and Animals" topic. Once the festive season arrives we will be learning the Christmas story and rehearsing for our production.

Reading

The children will continue to have two books to read at home. These will continue to be changed on a weekly basis on their allocated day. The children will benefit greatly from you reading with them at home. Little and often helps keep their interest and maintain concentration! Please sign their reading records so that we know they have read at home. This will allow us to change their books. The children won't always be heard read individually due to Guided Reading.

Big Maths

The children continue to make good progress with their maths learning. This is assessed weekly in 2 ways. The first a quick fire timed test where the "learn-it steps" are checked. These are in the maths homework books the children bring home and are also covered daily within our maths lessons. The aim of this strand is to learn quick fire maths facts for instant recall - practise is the key to success for this!

The second assessment is a longer 1 to 1 individual maths conversation where more general areas of maths are assessed - the feedback from this more detailed assessment then informs our maths planning for the following week. This is not something we ask parents to practise at home as it concerns larger maths concepts.

