



Framwellgate Moor Primary School

Year 1 Parents Newsletter

Term: Spring 2022

Happy New Year! We hope you had as lovely a holiday as possible and are ready for the upcoming term!



English: This term we will begin by continuing to read a range of stories and our focus will now be looking at fantasy stories written and information texts written by **Oliver Jeffers (The Way Back Home and Here We Are)**. We will continue to develop the children's writing and sequencing skills, which ensures the children are able to retell a story in the correct order. We will also look in more detail at the characters and the settings, comparing different types of stories and non-fiction texts, as well as identifying the typical features of these. We will continue to work on remembering capital letters and full stops when writing our sentences and continue to focus on phonics in preparation for the phonics screening test in the Summer Term.

A good website for phonics games is: [PhonicsPlay - Resources](#)

This website has a variety of activities, just choose the sounds you think suit your child best.

Maths: Our Maths this term will cover units of work on addition and subtraction within 20, followed by reading, writing and ordering numbers up to 50. We will continue to use a range of resources to aid our understanding, for example, cubes, counters, number stones, number lines, tens frames and more.

Science: This half term our science topic is **Everyday Materials**. Children will recognise the difference between an object and the material it is made from. Children will become more confident naming materials and describing their properties. We will partake in practical investigations, e.g. looking at which materials float and sink and which are best suited for a particular purpose.

Geography: For the first half of the term we will be focusing on using Geography skills in our local area. This will entail following maps of the areas surrounding our school, making sketches and following maps of our own, based on what we have observed. As well as, observing traffic and litter control in our local area.

History: After half term, we will be looking at buildings in our local area and comparing change.

Art: Our topic this term is painting and printing. We will be exploring a range of printing techniques and having a go at these ourselves. We will continue to explore colour and patterns within this.

Computing: Children will continue to learn about keeping safe whilst using the internet. The children will learn that sometimes websites ask us for information which should be kept private and how to handle such requests. We will also be designing posters, using Beebots linked to our local area and using cameras and I pads across the curriculum.

R.E: Our topic will continue to focus on the religion of Christianity. We will be sharing the stories such as 'The Lost Sheep' and how Jesus tried to help people. We will also be exploring Christian ceremonies and celebrations.

PHCE: The work this half term will be called **Dreams and Goals**. Pupils will be looking into what they want to achieve in their lives creating short term goals and long term goals. This follows on nicely from our D.T work last term.

P.E: In PE this half term, the children will continue to take part in PE every Tuesday and Monday.

Music: This term we will be exploring sounds and instruments in music.

French: In French, the children will be learning about the Festival of the 3 Kings, numbers, playground games, and Easter, as well as singing/learning traditional songs.

How you can help at home / Extra Information

To support our class work, talk to your child about **Materials** encourage them to think about what materials different objects are made from and why. Practise writing simple lists and share any fairy tale books you might have at home. Also support maths skills by using addition and subtraction around the home.

Changes to homework in January.

Children will now bring home 3 reading books. 1 of which will be an online story which can be found using your Oxford Owl log in, sent home next week (Friday) with homework. Please watch the video on the school website explaining the changes to homework in reading in KS1.

The second will be a hard copy 'book bag book' this will correspond with a book your child has already read.

Thirdly, a 'book to share' this is a story which you should read to your child for them to enjoy.

When reading stories at home, be sure to advocate a love of reading and make comments about the story as you read to make the process enjoyable. If your child is reading to you, ensure you give them the encouragement to make them gain confidence in their abilities.

We are also starting a new half termly homework grid which will be sent out next Friday. For this, you choose 1 activity a week from the grid and record it in the exercise book provided. Where activities are harder to record, a sentence explaining what you did with a date will be enough.

All homework files and reading books will be sent home on a **Friday** and returned the following **Wednesday** to be marked and changed. Please ensure you do bring your homework back otherwise this can impact other children's learning. Logs will be made so we know who has taken which books home.

Please ensure children bring a bag to school each day for letters and any other items to send home.

If you have any queries or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me!

Class teacher: Miss Thompson

Date: January 2022