



Key Stage 1 Class Newsletter

Term: Autumn 2022

Welcome to Key Stage 1! We hope you all had a lovely summer holiday!

English: Our English lessons are often based around a particular story or theme. This term our fiction unit will be focusing on stories written by Emily Gravett and Mini Grey. We will be learning about the author and exploring the stories 'Meerkat Mail', 'Traction Man' and more. Children will be learning to sequence and retell the story as well writing descriptions of key characters and events. Our non-fiction units will focus on writing a non-chronological report, we will link this to our science unit about life cycles of animals. Children will also learn to write instructions, recognising the features of this genre. Children will access daily Read, Write, Inc phonics/ spelling sessions to support them with their word reading and fluency.

Maths: Our maths this term will cover the following areas:

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- Place value in numbers to 100 – We will count objects to 100 and read and write numbers in numerals and words, we will represent numbers to 100, identify tens and ones with a part whole model. We will use a place value chart, compare and order objects and numbers as well as count in 2s, 5s and 10s and even count in 3s.
- Addition and Subtraction – We will learn number bonds to 20, number bonds to 100 and 10 more and 10 less than a given number to 100.
- 2D Shapes- this will include learning the shapes names, properties and how to sort these shapes based on their properties.
- 3D Shapes - this will include learning their properties such as faces, vertices and edges and sorting the shapes into

Computing: Our computing lessons this term will be linked to photography where we explore the app 'Pic collage' and look at photoshopped images and have a go at making our own using a range of tools. Then we look at Data Handling and make our own venn diagrams to sort/ compare objects. Children will also constantly refer to our E-safety class charter, this teaches them the rules to stay safe online.

Science- Our topic this term is 'Animals including Humans.' We will be looking at how babies grow into adults and the life cycles of different animals such as frogs, butterflies and chickens. We will learn how to draw life cycles and we will look at the basic needs of different animals. We will also look at what humans need to have a healthy life style and explore how we can achieve this. For example, our diet, exercise and hygiene. We will carry out lots of scientific investigations to help us answer our key enquiry questions. In Autumn 2 we explore light and shadow.

Geography: Our geographical enquiry question for this term is 'Where are our local shops?' this will have a local area focus on investigating what in and beyond our school grounds, with a focus on some of our local shops. We will be creating maps, following routes and creating our own route to then follow to a local shop in our local area. We will be learning about all of the physical and human features we can see around our school.

History: This term our unit focuses on 'How have homes, shops and other buildings in Framwellgate Moor changed?' we will be comparing Framwellgate Moor to how it has changed over the last 100 years.

Art: This term we are looking at mark making and exploring our key question 'How can I add texture or expression to a drawing?' we will experiment with charcoal and explore creating different textures through drawing marks. We will explore relevant descriptive language, and use our observational skills and create scenes from our imagination.

DT: In design technology, we will be focusing on healthy eating. We will identify the different food groups and what it means to have a 'balanced diet'. We will lead on to making our own healthy wraps and think about the ingredients carefully. This links nicely with our instructions topic in English.

P.E: Children will be participating in games and gymnastics this half term. Children will develop their gross motor skills through moving, throwing, catching, balancing and more. One session a week will be taught by a specialist coach. Sessions may be outdoors this term weather permitting. Please ensure **ALL parts of the P.E kit are labelled** clearly as mix ups can occur.

Music: To start, our theme 'Hands, Feet, Heart' will explore South African musical styles while we copy and clap back rhythms. In Autumn 2, the 'Ho, Ho, Ho' theme explores Big Band and Motown while we learn about pulse and rhythm using the glockenspiels.

PSHCE: Children will be looking at the topic 'Being me in my world' where they will think about their rights and responsibilities as children, rewards and consequences they may have, valuing others and their environment and their emotions.

R.E: The work this half term will focus on Christianity, the importance of the Bible and why this is a special book for Christians.

Homework/Additional Information:

Children will take part in the Read, Write, Inc phonics programme and will receive homework on a weekly basis, they will bring 3 pieces of reading home each week. 1) An e-book will be set online every Friday, they will have read this story in class 3 times with their teacher so should be confident at reading it. It will directly match your child's phonetic ability. 2) The corresponding book bag book, this is also matched to their phonic ability and will link to the e-book read. 3) A book to share, this will be a story which your child can read to you or you can read to them. It is a story to simply enjoy reading together. It is vital that **hard copies of books are returned to school every week** as this could have a knock-on effect of another child's learning if they aren't handed back on time. All homework will be sent out on a **Friday** and should be returned the following **Wednesday**. Your child will also bring home a reading record and bookmark. Please read with your children as often as possible (around 10 minutes a night) and record comments in their books. House points will be rewarded and can be checked using DB Primary and bookmark stickers will be rewarded to the children for their reading efforts when books are returned to school.

Homework Grids:

Every term, your child will receive a homework grid in their yellow book. These homework grids are a way of showcasing to you, as parents/carers, what we are covering in our lessons and for your child to consolidate their learning in all areas at home. Each week, please pick 1 subject to complete the activity for and record in the yellow book whichever way suits you. Your child may wish to show their work by writing sentences, drawing pictures, you may want to take a photo and stick it in or simply write a brief comment of what you have completed. Your child's teachers will check their homework each week and house points will be rewarded. Again, all homework will be sent out on a **Friday** and expected back in on a **Wednesday** to be checked and marked.

There are also a fantastic range of interactive games available in the 'Learning Library' of DB Primary which your child may wish to access at any point.

All pupils are provided with a school PE kit. Children should have socks and trainers/plimsolls in school for PE days. It would be beneficial if they have named socks and footwear that can be left in school for the whole term.

Please ensure all uniform items and footwear are named as mix-ups can occur during changing. We have a permanent marker pen if you would like to come in to add names to your child's clothes.

Please ensure that children continue to bring a bag to school every day for any letters, spellings etc.

Show and Tell will take place on a Thursday afternoon. We will have themed weeks this year and a letter will be sent out each week so you know what the theme is. We look forward to seeing what you bring in!

Thank you for your continued help and support with your child's learning. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Miss Thompson & Mrs Ryan – Penguins

Miss Storey and Mrs Heslop – Seals

Mrs Brooks, Miss Foster and Miss Etherington - Whales