

What's going on in Year 1?



OUR TOPIC IS ...“THE OWL WHO WAS AFRAID OF THE DARK”


This half term we are going to be exploring our topic work through the story of ‘The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark’ by Jill Tomlinson. We will have an exciting visit to Tropical Butterfly House and Wildlife Park to experience owls first-hand! We will also be learning about Guy Fawkes and why we celebrate Bonfire Night and will look at other festivals including Christmas. We will explore different places of worship, looking at their similarities and differences. As part of our DT work we will be designing and making our own Christmas cards!

English: In English we will be exploring different ways of writing instructions and the specific language of these. We will write our own set of instructions to make a bonfire picture. You can help your child at home by using *bossy verbs* and time connectives (e.g. First *bend* your knees!). We will be exploring poetry and writing our own bonfire poems. You could help by discussing descriptive words for the fireworks at home (words such as crackling or noisy!) In addition, we will be writing a fact sheet about owls and other animals linked to the story.

Maths: This half term we will be focusing on addition and subtraction. We will learn to recognise, understand, read and record the symbols + and –. We will begin to learn addition and subtraction facts for numbers to 10 which we will be able to recall from memory. You can help by asking your child to solve simple addition and subtraction problems at home using vocabulary such as: ‘How many do we have altogether?’ or ‘How many do we have left?’ We shall also be learning about 2D and 3D shapes. We will name them and sort them into different groups based on their properties. We will create repeating patterns using 2D shapes in our art work over the term.

Science: In science we will continue to learn about animals. On our visit to the Butterfly and Wildlife Park, we will explore different types of animals, particularly those who have fur and feathers! We will be holding a ‘pet morning’ where children may be able to bring in small pets to discuss how they care for their pet. We will also be learning about seasonal change and how Autumn compares to Summer. We will be investigating to see whether the bigger trees lose their leaves first and we will be learning to use a range of thermometers to tell the temperature outside. Year 1 will also be making a rain collector to measure how much rain falls over time.

KEY WORDS FOR THIS TOPIC



animal
wings
walk
card
feathers

omnivore
beak
thermometer
greeting
temperature

herbivore
Autumn
vegetables
celebrate
pet

carnivore
season
dark
festival
poem

