

Year 1 Newsletter

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome back after the summer holiday. Below is some information about our learning this term. Our new topic is Awesome Authors. If you have any ideas or can help us with fundraising or listening to children read, please come in and see us. We are hoping to go to Exmoor Zoo in October to support our learning around animals and Roald Dahl.

Please bear with us at home time as we get to know you all, we have lots of new faces to recognise so please introduce yourself and remind us who you have come to collect.

The Year 1 team.

English

Over the next few weeks we will be learning about some of Roald Dahl's famous stories. Firstly we will learn about how he creates journeys through *The Enormous Crocodile*. We will also write our own non-fiction text about Roald Dahl's life and how he became so famous. We will also learn how to write a list just like *George's Marvellous Medicine* by creating our own interesting potions recipes. We will make these extra exciting by using interesting adjectives and detailed verbs.

PE

The children will continue to develop their skills and abilities in all areas of PE. The children will have PE with Sporting World on Monday afternoons. We don't always do a full change for PE, but please make sure the children have a complete and named PE kit in school every day.

Humanities

In Geography we will be learning about the continents and major oceans of the world. We will link this to our science on animals. In History we will be finding about Roald Dahl's life and trying to answer the question "what is special about Roald Dahl's nose?" In RE we will be thinking about "Caring for Others."

DT and the Arts

We will be making masks for our *Enormous Crocodile* work and will have lots of creative activities as part of our continuous provision. In music the children will be learning to sing some action songs and rhymes as well as how to play untuned percussion instruments.

At Home

Please try to read with your child everyday and help with their Guided Reading follow up task in their reading journal.

Maths

We will work on a lot of counting skills to extend our knowledge of numbers up towards one hundred. We will explore what each digit in a number represents i.e 18 is made of 10 and 8. We will learn how to find 1 more or 1 less than any given number and then use these skills to build up addition and subtraction skills. We will also look at counting in steps, such as 5 or 10. We do as much of this as possible through problem solving and practical activities. You can help at home by doing lots of counting of objects and asking your child to recognise, name and write the number.

Science

For the first half of term we will be learning about humans and other animals. We will be exploring similarities and differences and using these to classify animals. We will use our visit to the zoo to support this. We will also be looking at Seasonal Change and how our local environment changes with the seasons.