



14th January 2019

Key Stage 1 Class Letter

Dear families,

Happy New Year and welcome back after what I hope was a lovely Christmas!

Our topic this half term is 'Explorers'.

In English we will be looking at a new book called The Lonely Beast. The children will be developing their writing and English skills by reading, storymapping and sequencing the events in the story. We will be using adjectives to describe the different landscapes the beast moves through to find new friends and then writing newspaper articles about his journey.

Reading with your child

It is really lovely to see children develop their reading skills and a love of reading. In Key Stage 1, we expect children to read at home and change their reading book at least 3 times per week. Thank you to all the families that have continually supported the children's reading and comprehension, you are helping to make a big difference!

Maths

In maths this half term we are looking at shape, multiplication division, and later, measurement of length, capacity and mass. You can help your child's fluency by asking them to share objects into equal groups or find different ways of sharing larger numbers (for example, 20 can be shared into 2 groups of 10, or 4 groups of 5). Revising and consolidating things we have already learned such as counting in 2's, 5's and 10's or adding and subtracting will also be very useful to your child's learning. For more information about how you can help at home please feel free to pop in after school.

Spelling

Your child will bring their spelling zapper book home every day with the spelling words they are learning. **Please help your child to practice and learn these important key words.** We will have a spelling quiz in class every Thursday and hope to see everyone's spelling improve every week! Children who complete their spelling list get a 'golden zap' in their book and a mention in celebration assembly that week.

P.E.

Thank you to all who have provided their child with a named P.E. kit. Kits were all sent home before Christmas. Please could you therefore ensure that P.E. kits are sent back into school as soon as possible. Our P.E. sessions are on Monday and Friday afternoons.

As always, if you have any worries or concerns, please don't hesitate to ask.

Ms Tregellas