

Home Learning

Please continue to hear your child read at home every day and practise some phonics. Phonics charts relevant to your child are also stuck at the back of the reading record book. Remember, the high frequency words in the reading record book are the words your child needs to read 'on sight' (without sounding out).

Spellings will usually be given on a Friday and tested the following Friday. Please ensure you help your child to practise at regular intervals throughout the week, not just the night before. The idea is to learn the spellings for life, not just the test.

Mathletics activities will be set each week (usually on a Friday). They will be related to work covered in school that week.

To enable you to carry out all of the above at home, there will therefore be no further 'written' work set.

PE

Swimming starts next Wednesday. All Infant children will have a gymnastics lesson on a Friday morning. Please ensure full PE kit is in school at all times, including trainers and tracksuit for outdoors. It is helpful to have a spare pair of socks for when plimsolls or trainers are worn. Hair long should be tied back at all times.

Naming Clothes

Please ensure you name **all** items of clothing (including footwear) and that you check that the name is still clearly visible at regular intervals.

Thank you for all your support.



The Infant Owl

Spring Term 2017

Class Teachers

Miss Panter

Mrs Rand

Teaching Assistant

Mrs Smith

Topics

Our main topic for the first half term is 'Extreme Weather'. We will be studying different types of extreme weather and discussing the effect it has upon communities. We will also design and build weatherproof houses.

For our main topic in the second half of the Spring term, we will be studying Motte and Bailey castles. Infants will be thinking about the features of castles and their purpose. Children will be asked to complete a home learning task related to this topic. If you have any recyclable materials at home to build a Motte and Bailey castle, set them aside in anticipation of a model building task!

Our Science topic for the first half term is 'Wonderful Weather'. We will be observing, making predictions and recording the weather from day to day. This data will then be used to record changes in weather patterns. The Infant class will have its own weather station.

In the second part of the Spring term the Infants will be planting a variety of seeds and bulbs. We will set up a test to prove what plants need to survive. We will be measuring and recording growth and drawing conclusions from our results.

Our RE topic is 'Easter'. We will be listening to the Easter Story and considering why this is the most important time of the church year for Christians. The children will take part in drama activities expressing the sorrow of Jesus' death compared to the joy of His resurrection.

English

This is a very busy time of year in the Infant Class! Preparations are well under way for our Year One Phonics Screening Test and Year Two SATs. We will be gently introducing children to the format of the tests so that they will be familiar with them.

Any extra support at home will greatly benefit your child. Please feel free to ask us for any advice.

We will be focusing on independent spelling of frequently used words in our writing this term. Children will be expected to 'have a go' using strategies taught in class.

Mathematics

This term we will be introducing multiplication and division calculations. You could help at home by informally practising 2, 5 and 10 times tables whenever you have a few minutes to spare.

The Infants will also be working through word problems. They will be identifying the key words and numbers which indicate the type of calculation required. They will then develop strategies to find the answer.

We will also be learning how to measure length, mass and capacity accurately. The children will make predictions and read simple scales.