



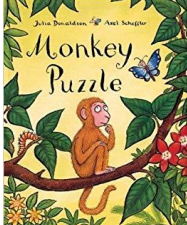



Autumn

KS1 Curriculum Newsletter



Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely break over Summer - it is great to see the children after the holidays. This is the work that the children will be covering over the following term in Key Stage One:

<p>Topic: This half term we are looking at our 'Family Album'. We will be looking at events that have happened throughout our lives, researching the royal family tree and even inviting grandparents in to tell us about life in the past.</p>	<p>Art: This half term we are looking at self portraits. We will be practising and creating different lines and how to draw our own faces. Then we will use our skills to create a self portrait on the computer using digital media.</p>	
 <p>Science: Animals We are learning all about animals and their young. We will our Science work by reading Monkey Puzzle. We are also learning about lifecycles - in particular the lifecycle of: mammals, amphibians and reptiles. We will be doing our own research about this topic using ipads and books from the Schools Library Service and will be having a visit from Lizzy, our very own school reptile. We will also be learning about basic animal needs and what they need to survive.</p>		
<p>PE: We are learning all about balancing, running, dodging and jumping through a range of activities and applying our new skills in team game situations.</p> <p><u>Owls</u> – Tuesday and Wednesday <u>Puffins</u> – Monday and Friday <u>Robins</u>- Monday and Wednesday</p>	 <p>RE: We are learning all about belonging in RE this half term. We will be looking at different groups that we belong to and the different ways we show that we belong to them. We will also be looking at how different people believe they belong to different gods and learning all about a Christian Baptism and an Islamic Birth Ceremony.</p>	<p>PSHCE: This half term we will be focussing on the question 'How do we decide how to behave?' As part of this, we will be looking at rules and why have them, respecting the needs of ourselves and others, thinking about what makes a good listener, understanding different feelings and ways we can hurt others.</p>
<p>Computing: In Computing we are focusing on Digital Citizenship. We will be discussing how to communicate with people in a kind and considerate way; what information we should and shouldn't share online and how we can keep ourselves safe online.</p>		<p>Music: We are learning about Hip Hop songs this half term. We will be learning to sing different songs and creating our own musical accompaniment with a variety of instruments.</p>
<p>Please ensure your child is always fully prepared for the school day with their school bag, PE kit, reading record & reading book, homework, and anything else they may have been asked to bring in.</p>	<p>Home learning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read at home for 15-20 minutes every day • Practice spellings • Learn times tables • Create one example from the half termly project list 	
<p>Home reading: Please ensure that your child reads 4 times a week and signs their home reading diaries.</p> <p>Reading Challenge 4 x= Green 2/3= Yellow 0/1= Red</p> <p>If your child achieves green for the week, they will be entered into a special prize draw!</p> <p>Only books that children take home from school will go towards the reading challenge – either the home reader or a book from the 100 Book Challenge. This will ensure that your child is reading books appropriate for their ability.</p>		
<p>Our School Blog Please check our school blog regularly. There are lots of photographs of what we have been up to in school and of special events. If you have a problem logging in, please let one of the KS1 team know and we can resolve the problem as soon as we can. It would be great to see some comments being added to the blogs as this is something the children enjoy reading and gives them furthe rpride in their accomplishments.</p>		