

Birkwood Primary School

YEAR 1 (Leopards) NEWSLETTER January 2012

Dear Parents,

A warm welcome to another New Year and it's so nice to see the children again from when they were Daffodils! They returned really well after the Christmas holidays and are working hard.

Here is a summary of the areas we intend to cover over the next term:

Literacy/Creative Curriculum

This Spring Term we will be making links between Literacy and most of the other subjects in our curriculum through our topic 'Mega Structures'. The children are very excited already about this topic and have been spending time in our role play area which is set up as a building site.

During Literacy sessions we will be looking at traditional tales, Non-fiction texts and also studying some poetry. We will be doing some work on alphabetical order and we will be spending a lot of time on sentence structure, which includes capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.

There will be lots of reading and sound work throughout the term. Spellings will mostly be taken from sound work and high frequency words.

Spelling quizzes are held on a Friday and new spellings sent out.

I cannot emphasize enough the importance of reading and the children have lots of opportunities to read in the classroom every day. We will change their home reading books regularly and we appreciate your support in encouraging the children to bring their book bags every day. Please write your own comments or concerns about your child's reading in their reading records, also this is a good way for us to communicate.

Mathematics

In Mathematics this term, we will be concentrating on counting and ordering numbers to a hundred, as well as adding and subtracting. We will also be spending some time on number bonds to 10 and 20, finding one more and one less. As well as working on time, money, shape and measurements. The Leopards will continue to count in 2s, 5s and 10s whenever possible.

ICT

The children will have the opportunity to use a drawing and writing programme to create pictures as well as to develop their typing skills. Online Numeracy and Literacy games will be used to support the children in their learning. The Leopards will be creating pictures and pieces of text that link with the topic of 'Mega Structures'.

Art/Design Technology

The children will have opportunities to practise their artistic skills and use a wide range of techniques and materials. They will produce a variety of pictures, which will include collage and painting and other art forms related to our topic. The continuous provision available for the children allows them to be creative everyday in the classroom.

PE

The focus for this half term is multi skills. Multi - skills consists of throwing and catching different size balls and using beanbags and hoops. The children will also have dance sessions.

PE sessions are on a **Wednesday** and a **Thursday**; we would appreciate it very much if your child has the appropriate PE kit on these days. Thank you.

Homework

The children will continue to be given homework on a Friday and this should be brought back to school the following Wednesday please. Homework will consist of spellings and sometimes there may be a piece of Maths work. From time to time there may be other things too, such as handwriting practice. Again, we would appreciate your support in making sure that homework is completed.

Important dates for your diaries:

❖ Our Class Assembly - Wednesday 7th February at 2.45pm

This is an opportunity for the children to tell you what they have been learning about in class.

We hope that this Newsletter has been useful and thank you for all your support.

If you have any worries or concerns please do not hesitate to call in and arrange a mutually convenient time for us to meet.

With best wishes,

Miss J. Horne

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