



HERNE BAY INFANT SCHOOL

Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter

Term 2

November 2016

Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to welcome you back to school and Term 2. We have an exciting term ahead!

Connector- (Topic – how we connect different subjects)- Our Connector for this term is 'The Deep Blue Sea'. We will learn about different types of fish and their habitats through non-fiction texts, then move on to discuss fictional under water characters like the Singing Mermaid. After discovering the features and qualities required for surviving under the water, we will empower the children to think of what they would need to live under in the sea.

Educational Visits- We have planned two local trips this term for the whole of Year 1, firstly we will visit the beach to do a scavenger hunt to find out more about what comes from the sea. Then, to link with the symbols of Christianity, we will visit Christ Church. Monkey Class are returning to the Turner Gallery in Margate (See dates below). If you are able to assist and help you child's class walk to these places, please speak to your child's Class Teacher. We are so grateful for volunteers! Thank you in advance.

Christmas Enterprise- Near Christmas, we are holding a Christmas Enterprise event. Children will be designing, making and then selling Christmas products to raise money for Year 1. We are hoping to raise enough money to cover the costs for a whole Year group trip to a castle in Term 6. Please see the date below and come along to purchase some festive products. If you have any unwanted, clean jars at home and are willing to donate them to us please bring them in with you child. Many thanks!

Assemblies- You are all invited to come and watch our Year 1 Assemblies towards the end of term. (See dates below) It is a great opportunity to see the children's work and learning. We look forward to seeing you there!

Book bags- Please ensure your child brings their book bag to school every day, they will bring in and take home their home/school contact book; any important messages can be shared here and a record of their reading, also they will take home a colour banded reading book, a book from the class book corner and a levelled Read Write, Inc. book from their RWI group. Children will also bring home a reading wallet. The words in here should be read on sight with increasing speed, most of them cannot be sounded out. Please take time to practise reading these with your child.

English- We will continue to build on the children's written sentences. They will start to discover poetry and non-fiction writing. Year 1 will start to use the terms verb, adjective and conjunctions. Our English will be focussed on our connector The Deep Blue Sea and children will write non-fiction texts and character narratives. Soon you will receive a letter informing you how you can help your child with the spelling of word, as they will shortly be bringing home weekly spellings.

Maths- Our Maths lessons will be practical and hands-on as much as possible. We will build on the children's understanding of number, introducing number bonds to 10. Then, they will calculate repeated addition and subtractions with manipulatives. Year 1 work with Numicon a lot, it's a great resource! This term we will be introducing positional language, money, measurement i.e. time, length/height, mass/weight and capacity and halving objects

Science- During our Challenge Curriculum, children will learn about every day materials and winter. Throughout the year, they will make observations about changes in weather and the seasons. They will investigate and explore what the differences are between an object and the material from which it is made, comparing materials based on their physical properties.

Dates for your Diaries –

School photographs:

03/11/16 – Individual photographs

Beach Trip:

04/11/16 10:15 am - All classes

Immunisations:

11/11/16 – Flu immunisations

Anti-bullying Week:

Week beginning 14/11/16

Children in Need:

18/11/16 – Pyjamas and spotty faces (not Monkey Class)

Monkey Class trip to the Turner:

18/11/16 – all day

Year 1 Parent Maths Morning:

28/11/16 8:40-9:00 am

Christ Church Signs of Christianity visit:

29/11/16 10:30 am All of Year 1

Dazzle Days:

7 – 9/12/16

Year 1 Assemblies (parents invited):

24/11/16 9:10 am Monkey Class

01/12/16 9:10 am Tiger Class

08/12/16 9:10 am Parrot Class

15/12/16 9:10 am Zebra Class

Christmas Dinner:

14/11/16 – Whole school

Service at Christ Church (parents invited):

16/12/16 – Whole school

Christmas Enterprise (parents invited):

12/12/16 2.30 pm

Challenge Curriculum- During the afternoons, we will provide children with a variety of challenges to complete and they can choose where to learn. Our exciting outdoor areas will be used for challenges involving construction, investigation and observation skills, as well as building on their English and Maths learning.

P.E.- We have 2 sessions of P.E. each week; 1 will be led by 'TeamTheme' and the other by Class Teachers. Please take out any earrings at home on the mornings of your child's P.E. day. Unfortunately, we cannot help children to take earrings out and they are not able to take part in P.E. with them in. It is a great idea to keep your child's P.E. kit in school at all times.

P.E. days:

Monday and Tuesday- Parrot Class and Monkey Class

Tuesday and Thursday- Tiger Class and Zebra Class

How can you support learning at home?

Speaking and Listening - Talk about how to be safe around fireworks and bonfires. Discuss with your child, why are fireworks used to celebrate 5th November? When would you use fireworks for other celebrations?

Reading- Please read with your child as often as possible, it really does make a difference. Read and share different materials, like recipes, magazines and newspapers. Which common words can they spot while you are out and about? Take a look at our book suggestions on our website: <http://www.herne-bay.kent.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/Book20list20aged20620to208.pdf>

Spelling- Soon, your child will be coming home with words to practise spelling. Most words will follow a spelling pattern and you can sound them out like 'play, say, day'. Other words can only be learnt by recognising them on sight like 'said'. Support and encourage your child to write them in and out of order. Which part of the word is the trickiest to spell? Can you find a way to remember it?

Writing- Write a letter to Father Christmas asking him questions about where he lives. Maybe ask him about the weather? Encourage your child to use their sound knowledge and punctuate their sentences with a capital letter and full stop, remembering to use finger spaces between words.

Maths- Practise writing and recognising numbers to 20. While you are out, can you choose the coins needed to pay for an item in the shops? How many coins will you need? Find situations to add and subtract 3 or 4 numbers together. For example, 'I have 4 apples at home, I have brought 2 more apples and 2 bananas, how many pieces of fruit do I have now?'

Find some useful resources on our Maths page, on our school website too: <http://www.herne-bay.kent.sch.uk/maths-page/>

Science- While you are out and about, notice changes in the weather. What has happened to the trees? How do you know it is colder? Can you keep a weather diary? Talk about objects that you use within your home, what materials are they made of? Why are they made of these materials? Example, Why is an umbrella not made of tissue paper?

Connector- Research online, with an adult, the different types of creatures that live in the sea. Remember our 'safe surfer' tips.

Thank you for your support,

Miss Pout, Mrs Amos, Miss Bishopp, Miss Walker and Mrs Fowler.