



HERNE BAY INFANT SCHOOL

Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter

Term 3

January 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back and Happy New Year! We hope you've all had a lovely Christmas and are ready for the year ahead.

Connector- (Topic – how we connect different subjects)- Our Connector for this term is 'Animals'. We will link our English and Science learning together as we find out more about animals around the world.

Educational Visitors- This term we have organised for **Whitstable Bay Vets** to visit us. They will inform us about caring for animals, what animals need and what their job entails as a vet. Our Fabulous Finisher will be a celebration of pets and some pets will be invited into school for part of the day. This will provide an exciting opportunity for the children to write about and consolidate all of their learning for the term.

Cake Sale- Our fundraising for Term 3 will be a **Cake Sale on Friday 20th January**. We would be so appreciative if you could **donate cakes** for the sale, either home-made or shop bought- we're not fussy! Please could your cakes be brought in on the morning of the Friday 20th January? We will set the Cake Sale up for 3:00pm so that you can bring your child along, once you have collected them as usual. Last term we raised £145.37 with your support and we are so grateful for that. This term, we hope to raise even more to fund our Term 6 Castle Trip. Thank you in advance, for all of your yummy cake donations!

Book bags- Thank you for your continued support with reading at home, it really is making a difference. Children will continue to need book bags daily; 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 continue to take time to practise reading these with your child.

English- We will continue to build on the children's written and oral sentences. This term we will use conjunctions **and** and **because** to join two sentences together. Children will enjoy and write poetry and non-fiction writing. Year 1 will continue to use nouns, verbs and adjectives. Our English will be focussed on our connector 'Animals'. Please continue to share and practise spellings at home each week. We are noticing an improvement with children's spelling in class.

Maths- This term we are building on the children's understanding of **addition and subtraction**. They will apply their learning to find missing numbers within calculations like: $? - 3 = 13$
Towards the end of the term, we will be learning about **2D and 3D shapes**. Children will name the shapes and recall their properties including sides, faces, etc.

Science- During our Challenge Curriculum and English lessons, children will learn more about 'Animals'. They will identify and name common animals including **fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals**. Then, they will look at animals diet and investigate whether the animals are herbivores, carnivores or omnivores. As we are learning about birds, we are taking part in the RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch at school. Each child will spend time observing and identifying birds that visit our school.

Challenge Curriculum- Challenges this term will include; sorting animals into groups within a minute, finding pairs of numbers to total 10,

Dates for your Diaries –

Vet Visitor:

05/01/17 10:15am

Year 1 Parent Reading Morning (parents invited):

12/01/17 8:40 – 9:00am

Year 1 Cake Sale:

20/01/17 3:00pm

KS1 Parents Evenings:

24/01/17 1:30pm – 5:30pm or

26/01/17 4:00pm – 7:00pm

RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch:

(feel free to take part at home too!)

28-30/01/17

Bring your pet to school (selected pets only):

31/01/17 10:00am

Dazzle Days:

(Year 1 parents invited 3/02/17 at 2:00pm)

1-3/02/17 The Jungle

Parent Open Morning/Afternoon (parents invited to either session):

09/02/17 8:40am – 9:00am or

3:00pm – 3:20pm

End of Term 3

09/02/17 3:10pm

writing poems about animals, printing our own patterns and making bird feeders, to name but a few.

P.E.- This term, we will be getting fit through **Zumba** lessons. 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 – Discuss how to look after a pet, either yours, a friend's or even an imaginary one! What do they need? How will you keep them happy?

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>

Remember our reading morning on 12/01/17, where you can read in class with your child. This has been very successful so far and the children really enjoy it!

Spelling- Spellings will continue to be emailed each week and they can be found on our school website too: <http://www.herne-bay.kent.sch.uk/spelling/>

Writing- Make a poster for Year 1's Cake Sale on 20/01/17. Make it bright and colourful to attract lots of people. Write a riddle about a chosen animal. Give clues for each other to solve:

I live in lakes and rivers.

I eat fish and birds.

I have four legs and a long tail.

I have lots of sharp teeth.

What am I?

(A crocodile)

Maths- we are really working on mastering our number bonds to 10 this term, you could practise this at home too. Play Number bond tennis: you say a number to your child and they return with the matching number so that they total 10. For example, you say "7..." and they quickly reply "3...". See if you can increase the speed as they become more confident.

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

Computing and ICT- Talk about and find examples of how you use ICT. It could be emailing, something you do for work, digital cameras or even a programmable toy that your child has. Discuss what you use it for and how it works.

Science, link to connector 'Animals'- We will introduce the terms **birds, amphibians, reptiles, mammals and fish** to the children this term. Look at animals and decide which group they belong to. You could look at pictures online, in a book even at a zoo. What makes them a bird or a mammal? Let your child explain the reasons why.

Take part in the RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch over the weekend of 28th January: <https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/>

Thank you for your support,

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