



HERNE BAY INFANT SCHOOL

Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter

Term 4

February 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you have had a restful break and are ready for a fun filled term. It was great to see so many of you at last term's parent evenings and open mornings. We hope that you will be able to come along to our planned events this term.

Connector- (Topic – how we connect different subjects)- Our Connector for this term is 'Space-Out of this World'. We will take the children's interests into account and let this lead our learning. Much of our English will be centred on this connector as well as our Challenge Curriculum in the afternoon. To start our connector, the children will be alerted to an 'alien egg scene' in the Year 1 garden. This will intrigue the children and prompt lots of questioning whilst also allowing a great chance to write a report on the event. Look out for photos of this on our website and on our school Twitter page @HBInfantSchool. We will be using ICT to look at pictures of Earth from space, finding countries and oceans linked to Geography.

Book Week- The children have an exciting week coming up! World Book Week begins on **Monday 27th February 2017**. We will be taking the opportunity to immerse the children into all sorts of books and continue to create a love of reading. We would really like for **parents/carers/family members** to come in through this week to **read stories with groups of children**. If this is something you would like to do, please speak to a teacher on the gate. We will also be **walking to the library** during this week. Please dig out those library cards so that the children can take books out from the library. If you are able to come and support us on this trip, again, please let a member of Year 1 know. We really appreciate your help and support.

Here are our planned events for World Book Week:

Monday 27th February Zebra and Parrot library trip. Pre-loved books will also be for sale outside the Year 1 Classes at 3:10pm

Tuesday 28th February Monkey and Tiger library trip.

Wednesday 1st March Bring your slippers to school, we will be reading in our slippers to create a cosy atmosphere.

Thursday 2nd March Dress up as your favourite book character.

Friday 3rd March Bring your favourite books in to share with a friend.

Have lunch with your child- Parents are invited in to school to have a school dinner lunch on these dates: **1.3.17, 8.3.17, 15.3.17, 22.3.17**. One parent per class is invited each week - speak to the office for more information. Please sign up by the Tuesday before you want to come in!

Silent Auction- We are hoping to organise a silent auction in Year 1 to raise more money for our Term 6 trip to a Castle. The idea is that parents and friends will bid for the prizes and the highest bidder will win the prize. Do you have your own company or business and would be willing to donate a prize? Maybe you know someone who does? Or do you have a particular talent or skill that you could offer? If so, please speak to the ladies in the office or the Year 1 teachers.

Reading- Thank you and well done to all of the children who regularly read at home, it really is making a difference. Please use the children's contact books to record their reading, this way we know when they have read and can take any messages from you at home. We encourage children to change their colour banded reading book daily and read as often as possible at home. Each week, children will bring home a book from the class book corner and a levelled Read Write, Inc. book from their RWI group. They should be able to read this RWI book independently as they would have read it 3 times in their group previously. This is an opportunity to practise reading fluently with expression.

English- This term, children will continue to write in different genres within fiction and non-fiction all about 'Space-Out of this World'. They will build on their sentences and use different types of sentences including statements, questions and exclamations.

A big focus will be handwriting. By now the children really need to use the pre-cursive handwriting style; starting each letter on the line and leading out. We are sending home a sheet with examples of these so that you can use the same phrases at home too. Please continue to share and practise spellings at

Dates for your Diaries –

Term 4 Starts:

20/02/17 Year 1 Alien Egg Scene

World Book Week:

27/02/17 – 03/03/17 (parents are invited in to school throughout this week to share your favourite stories with the children – please arrange with your child's teacher)

Library Visits:

27/02/17

10:00 Zebra Class 11:00 Parrot Class

28/02/17

10:00 Monkey Class 11:00 Tiger Class

World Book Day:

02/03/17

Dress up as your favourite book character

Class Assemblies:

Monkey 03/03/17 9:10am

Tiger 10/03/17 9:10am

Parrot 17/03/17 9:10am

Zebra 24/03/17 9:10am

Class Photographs:

07/03/17 During school day

Year 1 Maths Open Morning:

(Parents invited)

15/03/17 8:40 – 9:00am

Year 1 E-Safety Drama Workshops:

20/03/17

Year 1 Phonics Open Morning: (Parents invited to either session)

23/03/17 8:40-9:30am or 2:30pm

Dazzle Days:

22-24/03/17 Space

Red Nose Day:

24/03/17 Bad Hair Day

Mothers day:

24/03/17 to celebrate Mothers Day:

Mums, Nans or a special lady in your child's life are invited in to school for a cup of tea and some special art in classrooms 2.15pm

Year 1 Easter Bonnet Parade:

31/03/17 Year 1 parents are invited in at 9:15am to watch our parade.

School day finishes at 1:15pm

home each week. Each week the spelling focus will be emailed and displayed on our website. We are noticing an improvement with children's spelling in class.

Maths- Children will continue to count to and back from 50. They will count in multiples of 10, 2 and 5 too. Much of this term will allow opportunities to learn about shape and measure. Children will consolidate their knowledge of **2D and 3D shapes**. Children will name the shapes and recall their properties including sides, faces, etc. Children will be measuring length in cm and m, they will measure mass and weight in g and kg and capacity in ml and l.

Science- Children will continue to identify and observe changes in the seasons. This term, we will be going on a **Spring Walk on Monday 27th March**, to look for signs of Spring. If you are available to support us on this walk, please let us know.

P.E.- This term the children will be improving their skills in Tennis. 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 – Share stories, poems and songs from your childhood. Have you still got a book that was your favourite as a child? Talk about your likes and dislikes in reading.

Reading- Please read with your child as often as possible, ideally daily, it really does make a difference. Take time to share the books that your child brings home from the library. Is it fiction or non-fiction? How do you know? We practise reading real and nonsense words at school, come along to our open morning on Wednesday 22nd March to see how the children read through games and activities.

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- Look at newspaper reports. How are they set out? Write about a special event in your family. Has someone had a birthday or have you been somewhere exciting? Remember to use capital letters, finger spaces, full stops and use that beautiful pre-cursive handwriting.

Maths- Practise counting in steps of 2, 5 and 10. Challenge your child to predict if 23 will be counted, etc. Can they explain why? Find opportunities to count things around the home in 2s, 5s and 10s. Pair up socks from the washing to count in 2s. How many socks were in the wash?

Computing and ICT- In school we will be using the computers to type and search for information. If you have a computer at home, why not practise writing sentences on a document. Take time to add digital photographs or pictures. How do you save a document? Let your child show you.

Science- Spring! Talk about Spring. What changes can you see or find with the mild weather? What have you got to look forward to in Spring? Look out for daffodils, buds growing and signs of new life.

Thank you for your support,

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