



Year 1 Homework Letter - Friday 28th January

Happy Friday! I hope you all had a lovely and restful half term. We have had another wonderful week in Year 1.

English

This week we have started reading our new book 'Stanley's stick', a story where a boy uses his imagination to play with a stick in every way possible. We went on a nature walk around the school grounds to find our own sticks and have been exploring our own imaginations by pretending our sticks were various objects and animals. We have also been using what we already know about the story to make accurate predictions as to what is happening next.

Next week we will be continuing with our new book and starting to create our own objects we could use our imaginations to play with, as well as focusing on our World Book Day poems.



Please read with your child every evening for 10 minutes and make sure every read is documented in their Reading Log.

Reading books are only changed once it is finished and documented.

Please also practice the spellings that are set for this week in line with our phonics lessons; they are on Purple Mash and photocopied onto the back of this sheet.

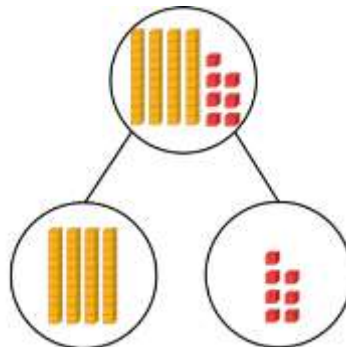
Mystery Reader

The children have been loving the surprise of who is coming in each week.

Mystery Reader takes place every Friday at 14:50. Please contact the school office if you are interested in joining us in the Spring or Summer Term.

Maths

This week we have been looking at the numbers 21-50, we have been learning about how to split numbers into their tens and ones.



We have also been learning how to use a number line to work out one more and one less. Next week we will be starting to learn about length and height

Numbots: There is an activity goal of 20 minutes a week set, however, this is not a limit. This is a great tool for their Maths learning. Logins are in their reading records.

World Book Day

Thursday 6th of March is World Book Day. World Book Day was created by UNESCO on 23rd April 1995 as a worldwide celebration of books and reading. The first World Book Day in the UK and Ireland took place in 1997 to encourage young people to discover the pleasure of reading.

This year, as a school, we are focussing on poetry; each class will perform a poem to the rest of the school on Friday. Our class focus will be insects, with our performance poem being 'The Caterpillar'

Brown and furry
Caterpillar in a hurry,
Take your walk
To the shady leaf, or stalk,
Or what not,
Which may be the chosen spot.
No toad spy you,
Hovering bird of prey pass by you;
Spin and die,
To live again a butterfly.

To celebrate this year's World Book Day, we are inviting children to dress up as a character from one of their favourite books.

Key Dates

World Book Day	Thursday 6th March
St. Patrick's Day - green shirt	Monday 17th March
Sparkfish ThinkSpace	W/C Monday 24th March
Parent and Carer Evening	Monday 24th March -3.30pm - 6.00pm
Parent and Carer Evening	Tuesday 25th March -3.30pm - 6.00pm
Parent and Carer Evening	Wednesday 26th March -3.30pm - 6.00pm
Easter Concert	Tuesday 1st April 6.00-7.00pm
Easter Service Christ Church	Thursday 3rd April - 9.30am
PTFA Easter Egg Hunt	Thursday 3rd April - 15.15pm-16.15pm

Easter Gardens

Once again, St Peter and St Paul's Church are inviting the children to create an Easter Garden at home. Similar to the Nativity scene at Christmas, an Easter Garden is the recreation of Christ's tomb. An Easter garden has three essential features: a mound with at least one cross to represent Calvary; a stone or stone structure to suggest the empty tomb; and lots of live greenery and flowers. Easter Gardens should be brought into school on Monday 31st March. The Faith Team and a member of the clergy will judge the entries on Tuesday 1st April. The Easter Gardens will then be displayed in the Southwark room where there will be an opportunity for each class to visit the hall to look at the different entries. The winning entry will be announced in Collective Worship on Wednesday 2nd April. We welcome individual entries or joint entries with siblings or friends! The gardens will be taken over to St Peter and St Paul's Church on Thursday 3rd April where they will be on display over the Easter period. If you would like to find out more about how to make an Easter Garden, RE Quest have made a short presentation you could watch:

<https://request.org.uk/resource/restart/2017/02/23/make-an-easter-garden/>



Lent Appeal

Thank you for your support with our 'Tin a Week' Love Project last term. A representative from the charity Love Works came to collect all the donations on Wednesday and was overwhelmed with the generosity of our families.

This year, as part of our Spring term Love Project, we are supporting the Southwark Diocese Lent Appeal. The Bishop's Lent Call for 2025 is raising funds for projects that help children and young people recover from trauma and which encourage their mental wellbeing. It is supporting this type of work in the Diocese of Jerusalem and the Middle East, the Link Dioceses in Zimbabwe and our own diocese. To raise money for the Lent Appeal we are asking children to raise money through either giving something up or taking something up for the 40 days of Lent. We are encouraging children to collect sponsorship money for each day they manage this. Sponsorship forms will be going home with the children on Friday 28th February. Lent begins on Wednesday 5th March and ends on Thursday 17th April. Children will need to bring in their sponsorship money the first week back of the Summer term.

Have a lovely weekend,
The Year One team.