



SUMMER TERM 2 YEAR 1 CLASS NEWSLETTER

Hi everyone! We hope you had a lovely half-term break and enjoyed some fun jubilee celebrations. We are really looking forward to a great end to the summer term and we hope you are too!

English

Our first focus text this half term is 'Where the Wild Things Are' by Maurice Sendak. The children will be looking carefully at the interesting illustrations and using adjectives to describe characters and settings. We are continuing to develop the children's stamina in writing. The children will be expected to write at length independently at their tables. We will be continuing to teach the children to sequence their sentences effectively using a range of sentence starters, time connectives and correct punctuation.

WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE



STORY AND PICTURES BY MAURICE SENDAK

Reading

We are continuing to carry out our small guided reading sessions. The children will continue to participate in three of



these sessions each week and then bring the same book to read to you over the weekend. We hope that your child will be 90% fluent when reading this book. This reading book will be sent home on a Friday, please continue to return it on a Monday so that we have enough books in school for our reading sessions the following week. The book for pleasure can continued to be returned on a Wednesday.

Mathematics

In Maths, this half term, we will learning about weight. The children will have the opportunity to use scales to compare the mass of objects. The children will use the language 'heavy' and 'light' to talk about the mass.

We will then be learning about money. Children will learn how to recognise how much a coin is worth and then begin to add amounts together.

Finally the children will be learning how to tell the time to the hour and half past. The



children will explore how to read both hands on a clock and will be able to make the clock show a time to the hour or

half past.

Ways in which you can help at home:

Please encourage your child to write at home as often as possible. It is really important that your child is able to write sentences independently and punctuate their sentences with capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.

Encourage your child to write about something they did in school or something they did at the weekend. This will help prepare them when they continue to write when they are in Year 2.

It is vital that you listen to your child reading their phonics reading book which they bring home every Friday. Encourage your child to spot digraphs and trigraphs in words if they are struggling to read it, this will help them to sound it out effectively.

Topic

Our topic for Summer 2 is 'Africa'. The children will be comparing Liversedge to towns in Africa. We will also be exploring how school life in Africa differs to school life here at Headlands. We will be learning about the animals in Africa and of course will be visiting the Yorkshire Wildlife Park to see some of these animals in real life!



Science

During Science, this half term, the children will be learning about animals. They will be identifying which animal groups they belong to including mammals, reptiles, birds, fish and amphibians. The children will be learning about what these animals eat and will find out about their habitats.



Religious Education

In RE this half term we will continue to explore our big questions. This half term's big question will be 'How does God send messages and how does he respond?'.

We will be reading lots of important stories from the Bible to explore some special messages from God. The children will be identifying who the 'prophet' is in each story and looking closely at how God responds.



Christian Values

During Collective Worship and class reflection time, we will be thinking about the Christian values of Respect and Trust. Please support us in promoting these values with your child at home.

Physical Education

Our PE lessons will continue to take place on a Tuesday and Thursday. We will be doing lots of practice for our Sports Day. More details about Sports Day coming soon!



Your child will NOT be allowed to do PE wearing earrings. If they cannot take them out by themselves, please take them out before school.

Art

This half term during our Art sessions we will be exploring how to use paint to express our feelings. The children will be using a colour wheel and will experiment with different brush strokes. We will be incorporating some African dance music and looking closely at some famous paintings by the artist Wassily Kandinsky.



Dates for your diary...

-Monday 4th July - Yorkshire Wildlife Park

-Thursday 30th July - KS1 Sports Day am
Families are invited to come and support the children on our Sports Day... more details coming soon!

Please come and speak to us if you have any questions or concerns at all, we are here to help!



Miss Rimmer & Mrs Wilson