

Year 1 Lent 1 Newsletter

Hello, and Happy New Year! Welcome back; I hope that you all had an amazing Christmas break. I am super excited to see you all again and I hope that you are feeling well rested and ready to learn as we have lots of exciting, new things to learn about this term.

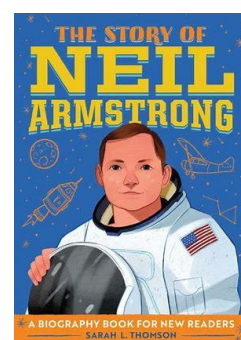
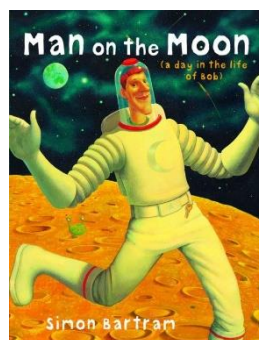
English

Last term in English we continued with our teddy bear work, looking at the book 'The Teddy Robber' because our class everywhere bear, Sid the Sloth, met a friend over the half term who the Teddy Robber came and stole! We developed more independence in our sentence writing, creating character descriptions, writing speech, making our own LOST posters, and eventually, writing a letter to Tom from the Giant, to apologize for stealing his Teddy and explain why. We then wrote letters to Father Christmas which we were lucky enough to receive replies from! After that, we focused on the ALDI Willy Conker advert where we looked at the features of a persuasive letter, thought about the true meaning of Christmas, listed some facts about hunger and poverty, used a range of adjectives, feelings and rhetorical questions and our end result was writing a letter to Willy Conker to convince him to share his food with the poor this Christmas.

This term, we will be doing lots of writing all about space, to link into our Topic focus for this term. We will produce a postcard, a diary entry, a description of an alien, a recount of Niel Armstrong landing on the moon and a poem.

Maths

This term in maths, we will be moving on to working on place value within 20 and addition and subtraction within 20. This will include looking at how to write the numbers 1-20 in both numeral form and word form, counting forwards and backwards to 20, number bonds to 20 and more.



R.E.

In Lent 1 we will be studying our new topic which is 'What makes people special?'. In this topic we will look what special jobs different people in our families do and what special jobs there are within the Church as well as who does these jobs.

Topic

This half term our focus will be on History. Our big question is: who won the space race?

Within this topic we will be researching the planets in our solar system, looking at who was the first man and the woman to go to space, who Neil Armstrong and Tim Peake are, and of course, who won the space race.



Science

Throughout Advent 2 we focused on materials. During Lent 1 we are going to focus on animals which will include the following learning questions:

LQ1: Can you sort living and non-living?

LQ2: Can you sort animals into groups? (birds, fish, amphibians, mammals, reptiles)

LQ3: What are the senses and why are they important?

LQ4: How many human body parts can you remember?

LQ5: What body part do animals have that humans do not?

LQ6: Is that animal domestic?

LQ7: What do animals like to eat?

MAMMALS



BIRDS



REPTILES



AMPHIBIANS



FISH



INVERTEBRATES

Guided reading

Last half term we read a variety of texts including fact and fiction. We also implemented our Guided reading structure. Throughout this half term we will continue to embed the structure of guided reading and will be using the DERIC format.

We will have guided reading four times a week. Once a week we will look at an alternative genre. The alternative genre may be through a poem, non-fiction book, a comprehension, or a video.

How can you help?

Each week your child will have two reading books. The benchmarked reading books will be changed frequently.

On a Friday you will receive homework, this will be English, maths or topic based most weeks. The homework is to be done for the following Friday.

If you have any questions regarding your child's learning, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your continued support and remember that either Miss Smith or Miss Macklin will always be available before or after school if you need to speak to us.

Miss Macklin and Miss Smith.

