

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.

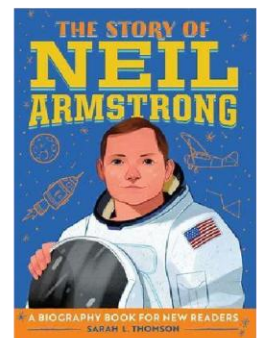
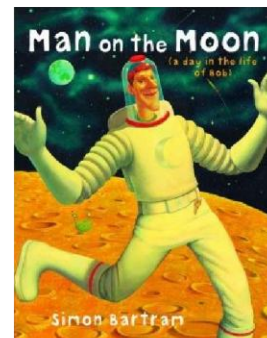
English

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 LIDL Christmas advert 'a magical Christmas' where we thought about all of the lovely things that we are lucky enough to have at Christmas and how not everyone is as fortunate as others and what we wish that they could have at Christmas time to help them to enjoy it. We then looked at a story called 'The Littlest Yak' where we produced a letter about why it is good to be small.

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 looking at addition and subtraction within 100 which will include related facts, missing number problems and comparing number sentences. We will then move onto multiplication and division where we will learn our 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables, practise making equal groups and arrays and learn about doubling and halves as well as odd and even numbers.



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In Lent 1 we will be studying our new topic which is 'Galilee to Jerusalem', through which we will study the importance of Jesus and why he is so special. Our Catholic Social Teaching topic this term is 'Solidarity and Peace' through which we will think about how we can fulfil God's dream here on Earth.

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?



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.

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. These bench marked reading books and phonics books will be changed frequently.

On a Friday you will receive homework, mainly it will be English, Maths and phonics based. 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.

Miss Macklin, Miss Walker and Miss Smith.

