

Happy New Year!

Dear Parents, We hope you have all had a fantastic Christmas. May we take this opportunity to thank you for all your generous gifts and cards we received at Christmas.

Our Topic of the term - What is it made of?

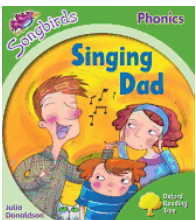
RE

We will cover three topics in RE this term.

We will start with our topic on Special People. The children will explore special people in their own lives and those of the parish.

Our next topic will concentrate on Meals where children will explore special meals in their lives and those of the church including the Last Supper.

Our final topic is Change which teaches the children about the journey Christians make during Lent up to and including Easter.



Literacy

Throughout our literacy topic this term we will be focusing on the Phase 5 Phonemes. Each week we will focus on a new sound and the children will receive a piece of spelling homework to support the work they have done that week. We would encourage the children to begin to locate these sounds in their own personal reading books. As part of their English homework we will ask your child to record the sound of the week in words from their reading books.

To support this we will use a variety of Songbirds Phonics books which are specific to the phonics sounds we will address. This will encourage children to read and write the phonemes confidently and use them in their writing more independently.

We will begin to work on spelling patterns including , -ing, -est, -er. We will also begin to address plurals, compound words and a range of punctuation including question marks and exclamation marks.

Another focus this term will be the Year 1 common exception words. We will check which words your child knows on a regular basis every 2-3 weeks. Work around this will be ongoing in school. Please contact us if you cannot locate your list given at the start of the year.

Children will also have the opportunity to become familiar with the set up of the phonics screen through short sessions where they will use their phonics knowledge to decode real and nonsense words.

Important Dates:

- 12.1.18 - Talent Show Auditions
- 19.1.18- KS1 Talent Show @ 9.15am
- 26.1.18—School Disco
- 29.1.18-2.2.18—Mega Maths Week
- 2.2.18— Maths Day
- 2.2.18—Year 1 Assembly **1C—9:15AM**
1E —2:45
- 6.2.18—Internet Safety Day
- 16.2.18—**INSET day**
- 19.2.18-23-2.18 - Half-Term Break
- 26.2.18— Return to school
- 1.3.18 - World Book Day
- 5.3.18-9.3.18 –Waste Week
- 7.3.18/8.3.18—Parents evenings
- 30.3.18-13.4.18— Good Friday + Easter Break
- 16.4.18 - Return to school

Homework

Homework will still be given out every Friday and needs to be returned **every Thursday**. This will include a Spelling sheet, sentence work and sound of the week spotting. There will also be a Maths sheet and at the beginning of an RE topic we will send the Explore part home. Spelling tests will be conducted every Friday and pink slips with results will continue to be given out on a Monday.

Reading group days will remain the same unless you are informed that your child has moved. Their books will be changed on this day only. **Please ensure your child returns their books with a signed diary in order to receive new books.**

REMINDER

PE Days are Thursday (Outdoor kit). For **Outdoor PE** your child **MUST wear a sweatshirt and long tracksuit bottoms**. Indoor PE kit **MUST** include T-shirt and shorts.

In this term we will have a very exciting visit from a company who will bring animals from Hot and Cold climates on the 15th of March.

We will also be partaking in activities in preparation for Nottingham Light Night which takes place on Friday 23rd of February at Nottingham Castle.

If any parents wish to support further in school, and have an hour to spare through the week, teachers are always looking for help in their classrooms.

Please speak to any of the class teachers to organise this.

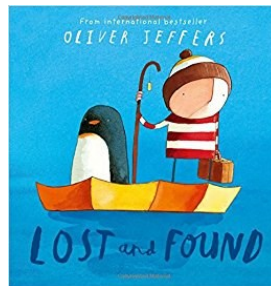
Thank You.

Within **Science** the children will be learning about different everyday materials. They will describe the simple physical properties of these materials and will carry out experiments to examine why they are used for certain objects. Linked to this, the children will have the opportunity in **Design & Technology** to test what materials would be best to make an umbrella.

During our **Geography** topic, the children will be learning about the Hot and Cold areas of the world. We will be looking at the differences between both climates and the associated animals from each. We will be reading the books *Lost and Found* by Oliver Jeffers and *Meerkat Mail* by Emily Gravett to learn more about these areas of the world.

As part of our **Art** topic the children will explore colour and pattern linking to our topic on Hot and Cold Places. Children will learn to create shades of colour to make effective paintings.

There will be lots of excitement as we enter our new **Computing** suite this term. The children will be learning to log onto the computers independently as well as using word to write, print and save text. We will also be carrying out independent research related to animals from hot and cold places.



Numeracy

This term sees the children cover the following topics.

Number and place value: Children will be engaging in many activities that practice the following number skills: number recognition to 100, greater than or less than and ordering numbers. We will also introduce the place value concept of tens and ones.

Measures - Weight/Length/Volume: Children will learn to use appropriate vocabulary in relation to weight and will have a hands-on opportunity to measure different items using a spring and pan balances.

Addition and Subtraction: Children will use addition and subtraction for number bonds within 20. They will need to be able to recite, use and apply these confidently.

Mrs. Mannering, Mrs. Killingworth and Miss Walsh