

Newsletter

Dear Parents and Guardians of Fireflies

A very big thank you to all the parents who came to the consultations and to the other school events. It was lovely to meet for us to meet you. Hopefully you got an idea about the learning your child is doing in school and the progress they are making.

We would like to welcome Mrs Burns to the team in Year One. She is very experienced and has taught in her native Australia and in schools in London. She is enthusiastic, highly committed to teaching reading through phonics, and has lots of lovely ideas for engaging the children with their learning.

We would like to share with you some of the learning we propose to do in Term 3.

Our topic is Water World. We will be looking at how much of the world is water and at the animals which live in the seas and oceans and observing them closely. To help with this we are having our own class pet: a goldfish – called Goldie. More detailed plans for each curriculum area are on the reverse of this letter.

Here a few further updates.

Cloakroom

We now have more space and more pegs in the cloakroom. This will give children more space to store their belongings and, hopefully, fewer things will go missing. Please make sure everything is named.

PE

Please make sure kits are in school on the first day back and they are named and in a named bag.

Reading and Spelling

Please hear your child read as often as possible. It makes a massive difference to their progress in reading. Also, spellings come home on a Monday and the children are tested the following Monday.

Readers

Could anyone spare some of their time to come into school and hear children read? We urgently need volunteers to hear individual children read. Please see any member of the Year One team if you can spare an hour or so each week.

Homework

Well done to everyone who completed this term's project. The homework books should now be in school so they can be marked and next term's project stuck in them.

Next term we will be setting some home learning you can access through the Mymaths website and some English you can access through a new website called Literacy Planet. We will send the login details for Literacy Planet out next term. If you lose any login details please let us know. We can easily re-issue them!

Finally, we hope everyone has a lovely Christmas and that you have a great time with your amazing children.

Mrs Burns

Mrs Clarke

Mrs Kay

Mrs Percy

Miss Holness