



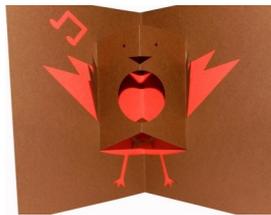
Dear Families,

We are really looking forward to a fun packed half term! We have a walk around our local area to look forward to and we will be busy rehearsing our songs for our Nativity which we will be singing in whilst Year 2 act out the lovely story of Born in a Barn— make sure you come and watch!



Project

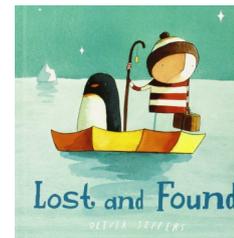
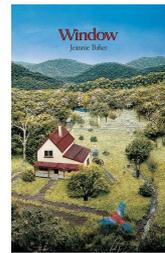
This term in Year 1, our project is “Through the Window” where we will be investigating our local area and comparing Great Linford Village to the modern houses on St Leger Drive. We will be looking at the geographical features of our local area and creating a variety of maps. Also, we will be looking at the art of Andy Goldsworthy and creating our own natural pictures using items we find outside . In addition, we will be making pop up robin Christmas cards!



Literacy

This term, we will be focusing on the books Window and Lost and Found. The children will be focusing on the skills needed to write sentences and will also be using adjectives to colour their writing.

We will be writing prose and a diary entry, using all of the new skills we have learnt.



Mathematics

Over the year, the children will cover a variety of maths skills. This term there will be a particular emphasis on place value where the children will: understand the value of a number, count forwards and backwards to 20, find one more and one less than a given number, identify and represent numbers using objects and find numbers on a number line. They will also focus on addition and subtraction in a range of contexts, such as using number bonds to 10 and then 20 and solving problems with missing numbers.

The children will also have the opportunity to investigate 2d and 3d shapes

P.E.

Year 1 will have PE on the following days:
Miss Arman – Tuesday and Wednesday
Mrs Humphris and Mr Shiptons' class– Monday

All children will be expected to have their kit in school all week. For P E they will need a white t-shirt and navy blue shorts/tracksuit bottoms and appropriate PE shoes. As the weather is getting colder, it is essential that the children have suitable outside PE kit such as jogging bottoms and a track suit top or fleece. PE shoes are also a must. In addition to their PE lessons, Mrs Humphris and Mr Shiptons' class will have the opportunity to take part in Forest schools run by Miss Smith. The children will require appropriate warm and practical clothing for this and wellies are essential!

Science

This half term we are continuing to study Plants and Trees, looking at the various parts of plants and finding out what they need to grow and thrive. To do this we will be carrying out simple experiments, making predictions and drawing our own conclusions through observation.

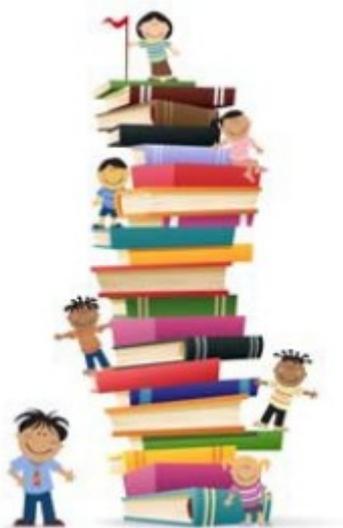


Home learning challenges

Last year we introduced home learning challenges and were delighted with the number of children who took part and the quality of their work. After taking into consideration parent feedback, we will continue this for this year. You will receive your new learning challenge next week. In addition, children will receive their KIRF and weekly spellings based on the phonics that they are learning. KIRFS are key instant recall facts in maths that your children need to know to support their mathematical learning. They also provide a guide to parents on how to support their child in meeting the requirements of the Year 1 maths curriculum.

Reading at home

Reading at home is really important in supporting your child's reading development in school. Ideally, you should be reading with your child at least five times a week - this need only be for ten minutes. To help motivate your child to read regularly at home, we will be running reading competitions in class and reading stories and poems to your children.



Dates for your diary

Monday 30th October – INSET day- school closed

Tuesday 31st November children return to school

4th November – PTA car boot sale

8th November – Y1 phonics workshop for Parents

9th November – family and individual photographs

5th and 6th December – KSI Nativity

14th December – Christmas Fayre

If you have any concerns or questions, we are more than happy to help.