

Key Stage One Newsletter

Autumn 2 2023



Welcome back!

We hope you all had a lovely half term! This half term is always the busiest half term in the run up to Christmas, with the Christmas nativity slowly creeping up on us (a letter about this will be sent out at a later date.)

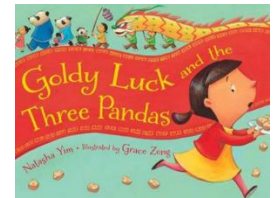
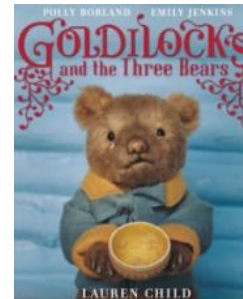
Our learning this half term

We started our half term with a whole school cooking week. The European country for Key Stage 1 was Italy, so we all made pizzas (pictures of this are on Seesaw!) We researched and designed our pizzas, before taste testing and evaluating them at the end of the first week! Our **English** texts for this half term are 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' and 'Goldy Luck and the Three Pandas.' We will first be looking at the original traditional tale and retelling this before looking at the Chinese American version. We will compare and contrast the two versions before writing our own innovated version of the tale towards the end of the half term.

In **science** we will be looking at animals, including humans. Our enquiry questions is 'How do we stay healthy?', looking at the basic needs for survival, as well as the importance of a healthy diet and hygiene. We will also learn how all animals, including humans, have offspring that turn into adults. Please use the attached knowledge organiser with your child to support this learning.

In our **R.E.** lessons we will look at some Christian parables including: the parable of the Lost Sheep, the Good Samaritan and the Wise and Foolish Builders. We will then look at Christmas as a Christian festival and how this is celebrated.

In **history** we will be looking at living memory and the concept of chronology. Family tree homework will be coming home soon!



Our guided reading text for this half term is Isadora Moon Goes to School:

Maths

In maths this half term we will be learning to:

- add 3 1-digit numbers
- add a 1-digit number to a 2-digit number
- subtract a 1-digit number from a 2-digit number
- add 2 2-digit numbers
- 10 more and 10 less than a 2-digit number
- missing number problems
- 2D shapes
- lines of symmetry

Spelling and Maths Shed



Spelling homework will be set on Spelling Shed each week and a paper copy of the spellings to practise will also be sent home. Spellings will be tested during our phonics session on **Friday**. In addition, your child will **now receive weekly times table homework each week on MathShed.**



As always, if you have any questions please feel free to come and ask one of us!

Many thanks for your support!

Reading

Please make sure that you read with your child as often as possible, and **at least 4 times per week**. This really does make a difference in helping children to enjoy reading and helps to reinforce their phonics learning. **Reading diaries will be checked weekly** Children who have their reading diary signed 4 times each week will receive House Points and a reward at the end of the half term. Your child will have a set day for changing their reading books each week.

The reading treat at the end of this half term will be:

Christmas film and popcorn

Miss Hislop, Miss Gallacher, Mrs Trenowden and Miss Heaton ☺

Key Vocabulary

basic needs - the important things that animals need to

survive (air, water and food)

change - when something becomes different

diet - the food that an animal eats

exercise - when you complete an activity that increases

your heart rate

healthy - good for you

hygiene - being clean in order to prevent illnesses

life cycle - the stages an animal goes through throughout their life

offspring - the babies that an animal produces

reproduce - to produce offspring

species - a group

survive - to stay alive

How humans change



baby



child



teenager



adult



senior

How do different animals produce their offspring?

mammals

amphibians

fish

birds

reptiles

lay eggs on land

babies grow in the mother's womb

lay eggs in water