

Key Stage One Newsletter

Summer 1 2023



We hope you all had a lovely Easter holiday and welcome to the Summer Term! This half term will be a busy one, including SATs for Year 2 towards the end. The Year 2 SATs will be held over the course of the last two weeks in May; it is therefore vital that your child attends school every day in the run up to these tests. This will ensure that they are as prepared as possible and that they do not miss any vital learning or revision.

Our learning this half term

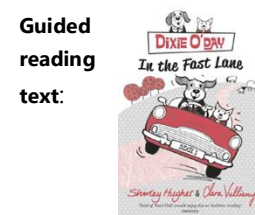
Our texts in English this half term are Bog Baby by Jeanne Willis, and The Storm Whale/The Storm Whale in Winter by Benji Davies.

In **science** we will be looking at the living things and their habitats. We will compare the differences between things that are living, dead or never alive before looking more closely at different habitats (including microhabitats) of different animals and how they are suited to meet their needs. We will then learn think about how animals obtain their food, using the idea of a simple food chain.

In our **history** lessons we will look at local history and more specifically at the importance of coal mining as a local industry to Hucknall. We will start by asking the children what they can remember from their own living memory, before finding out about the living memory of parents and grandparents. We will look at how industry in Hucknall has changed over time, from present day to approximately 80 years ago, including the lace industry and Rolls Royce.

In our **R.E.** lessons we will be learning about the religion of Islam and the theme of community and belonging. Our big enquiry question this half term is: 'Does going to a mosque give Muslims a sense of belonging?'

In **art** we will be looking at the sculpture artist Chris Kenny and his creative techniques with natural materials! We will be imitating his style with some sculptures of our own.



Guided reading text:

Maths

In maths this half term we will be learning to:

- Identify a half, a quarter and a third of shapes
- Work out a half, a quarter (and $\frac{3}{4}$) and a third of numbers
- Understand the difference between unit and non-unit fractions
- Tell the time: o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to.
- Tell the time to five minutes (e.g. 25 past, 10 to.)
- Create and interpret tally charts
- Create and interpret block diagrams

Spelling and Maths Shed



Spellings 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 continue to receive weekly times table homework each week on Math Shed. This will be set to the current times table they are working on in class.



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 become fluent and successful readers. **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.

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

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