

Year One Newsletter

Our topic for the term: **Help! Focusing on heroes and history.**

Driving Question: How can we improve our school to make sure everyone's health is looked after?

Literacy

Our Literacy work this term centres around non-fiction texts and using these to write facts about different people who help us. We will be looking at the features of these texts and sorting books into fiction and non-fiction. We will be labelling photos of people who help us and then writing our own fact file all about firefighters. To help us do this we will be looking at how we can use and to join our sentences and writing plurals. We will also be ensuring we always use the correct punctuation at the end of a sentence (full stop, exclamation mark or a question mark.) We are also going to look at the story 'Funnybones'. We will be looking at reading some of the words in it and breaking them down into chunks to help us sound out longer words. We will be finishing our work on Funnybones by creating our own poster all about staying safe at night.

At home: Remember to read your books daily and practise your sounds using your reading record.

Maths

In maths this term we are going to look at addition and subtraction to 20 and beyond once secure. We will then focus on the days of the week and towards the end of the term we will revisit counting in 2's, 5's and 10's.

At home: Remember to keep practising your number bonds to 20 using this simple game (remember to use your number bonds to 10 to help!)

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/Flash.aspx?b=maths/addition>

PE

PE slots will still be on a Monday and Tuesday. Please make sure you are sending your child with warm P.E. clothes for our outdoor sessions including black jumpers, jogging bottoms, trainers and socks. Can you also ensure that your child is not wearing earrings on PE days please. This term we will be learning to sequence moves using apparatus in our indoor PE sessions. In outdoor PE, we are practising our ball skills and controlling the ball with our feet. **Please make sure that all PE kit is named.**

Creative Curriculum

Our focus will primarily be history. We are going to learn about the Crimean War and how Florence Nightingale saved many soldiers. We will find out about her life and how her actions have improved hospitals today. The children will need to be able to use the terms: history, past, present, war, soldier, hospital. We are also going to talk about other people who help us like the police, firefighters and dentists. We have an exciting visit from the fire service planned and hope to get a few visitors in to talk to the children about their jobs.

At home: Learn about Florence Nightingale by watching this clip:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p015j6sc> Visit the library and research what it was like to live in the 1800's during the Crimean War.

Information you need to know

- **Can you help?** Do you do a job where you are a hero or do you know someone who does? (For example: nurses, doctors, dentists, soldiers, policemen, firemen or vet.) If you do, please let us know