

Visits

During this term we will be arranging trips to a variety of different places in our local area, including local parks and maybe the docks. We will be having a variety of visitors from the local area to talk to the children. In the second half of this term the Year One evening event will be a production on stage. The date for this will be arranged shortly and the details sent home.

This will link in with our literacy work on traditional tales

Homework

Literacy homework includes the guided reading activity as well as spellings. A whole class Writing Journal will come home now and again when your child is special person which we will need back the day after your child has received it.

Maths games will be given out/ changed weekly. If you are able to help with this please come and let us know. They will be changed on Wednesdays in Class 3 and on Tuesdays in Class 4.

Please could we have the maths games returned each week.



Reminder

Many children have come into school on their own without an adult. There are still some children that are being accompanied. Please could you encourage your children to walk into school on their own in the morning.

Communication

We work hard to do the best for your child. If, at any time, you have a concern or query please come and talk to your child's teacher. If you are still concerned, please talk to the Phase Co-ordinator (Elspeth).

Staff

Class 3: Elspeth Anderson

Class 4: Miss Carly Gulliver

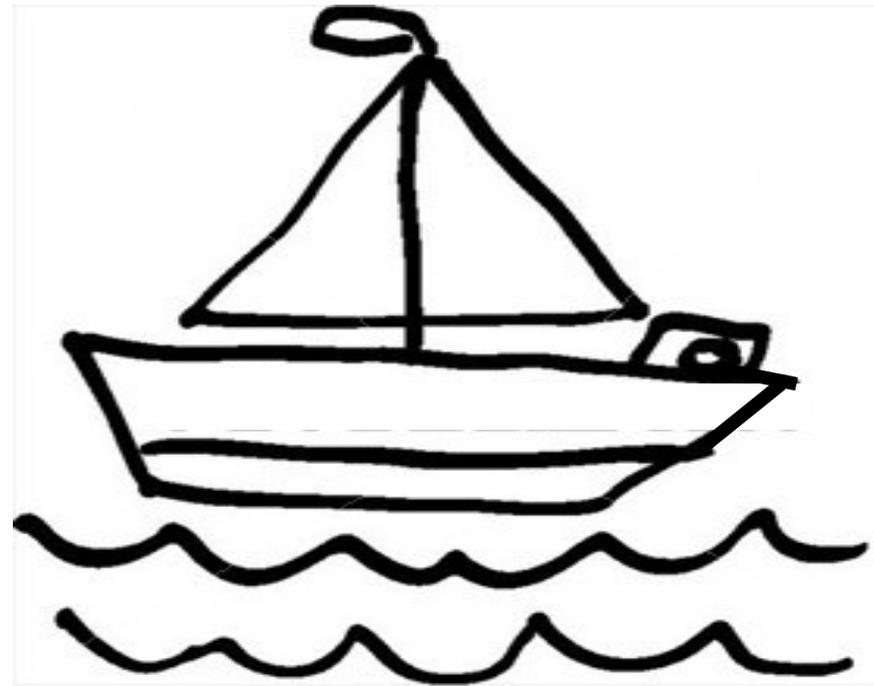
Teaching assistants:

Karen Bolt Sally Read

Terri Robson Tricia Thomson

We look forward to another exciting, hard working term!

Year 1 Newsletter



Spring Term 2009

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Welcome back to a busy but exciting spring term and 2009!

During the term we will continue to encourage the children to become effective, independent learners and thinkers across all areas of the curriculum

Curriculum.

In daily **Numeracy** the children will be building on their understanding of number, calculations (using addition



and subtraction) and problem solving.

We will be continuing to teach this through the empty number line.

Children will need to know their number pairs to 10 and 20, doubles and near doubles. $5+6$ $8+9$

We will also be learning key facts, which will also be sent home for your child to learn.

We will be extending their knowledge of 2D and 3D shapes, handling data in simple tables and graphs, measuring capacities, time and money.



In **Literacy** we will be covering a wide range of texts including fiction, poetry and non fiction. Writing: This term we will be developing writing skills including writing words and sentences independently, encouraging the use of capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. In spellings we will be looking at initial clusters and digraphs (ch, th, sh, cr, tr, br, dr and sp) ,long vowel phonemes (eg 'oo' as in look, 'ee' as in see, etc) and finding alternative ways for writing the sounds. We will also concentrate on learning to write tricky words. **Reading:** This term we will focus on reading the high frequency words, blending initial sounds (such as cl-o-ck, th-a-t). We will continue to read with your child each week in a guided reading session.

At this time books will be changed and your child will be given an activity to accompany the book. It is important that this is completed ready for the next session. This could be questions about the content, a reading activity, word making activity etc. Often it will not involve recording but will involve thinking skills or speaking and listening activities **It is important to read with your child for at least ten minutes every night to improve their confidence and understanding.**



Our topics this term will be Boats and Bridges. This will be explored through a cross curricular approach incorporating the foundation subjects. Our main focus in this topic will be history and geography but we will also be incorporating art, and design technology.

In **Science** we will be looking at Sound and Hearing and Light and Dark

ICT this term will develop further word processing skills- using a keyboard and writing text and finding information on the internet.

P.E: We will continue to look at skills for dance, games and gymnastics.

This term the weekly swimming sessions will continue but in two groups. If you are able to help with swimming please let us know.

Please ensure that your child has his/her full P.E in school on P.E days **including appropriate footwear** and that it is **clearly labelled** with their name.

Please remove your child's ear studs on these days.

Class 3: Swimming Tuesday
PE Friday

Class 4: Swimming Tuesday
P.E- Friday.

