

Visits

During this term we are hoping to go on a trip to Tangham Forest in May and are investigating whether we go on a trip to Felixstowe or have a theatre company in to do a Victorian Seaside holiday. We are looking at the cost for this and will send home more details shortly ..we would be appreciative of your help with these.

Homework

Literacy homework will be given once a week . This will include spelling work and sometimes writing. Sometimes it may not involve recording but will involve thinking skills or speaking and listening activities.

Maths games will be given out/ changed weekly. If you are able to help with this please come and let us know.

Please could we have the maths games returned each week.

Classroom Help

We would really appreciate your help in the classroom. Please do come and see us in advance to let us know if you can help. All help is valued.



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 child 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 1 Co-ordinator (Elspeth).

Staff

Class 3:

Elspeth Anderson

Class 4:

Miss Ellen Scott

Teaching assistants:

Gail Eallham Sally Read

Julia Green Tricia Thomson

Denise Durston Jane Thompson

We look forward to another exciting, hard working term!

Year 1 Newsletter



Summer Term 2008

Welcome back!

During this 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 Suffolk Maths Team ENL scheme (empty number line). The children will be learning to use the structured number line.

Children will be starting to learn multiplication facts of two, ten and five and others that are appropriate.

We are learning key facts, which will still be sent home

We will also be extending their knowledge of 2D and 3D shapes, handling data in simple tables and graphs, measuring capacities, time and money. Daily probes will continue as last term.

In **Literacy** we will be covering a wide range of texts including fiction, poetry and non fiction.

Writing: This term our focus will be to develop sentence structure further and include more detail and description in our writing. Children will be expected to write independently.

In phonics we will look at end sounds such as er, st, nt, nd, mp etc as well as vowel digraphs such as ai, ea, ie, oa, ue and others using Jolly Phonics. These may well come home as homework. Please practise with your children regularly. We will also concentrate on learning to write common words.

Reading: This term we will continue to focus on reading high frequency words, blending sounds and developing strategies to work out two and three syllable words.

Each week your child reads in a guided reading session. It is important that your child reads regularly with you and *completes the work set out in the reading journal* for homework each week. This homework is to support the child's understanding of the text and to develop other reading skills



such as prediction and word recognition

Our topics this term will be **Materials and The Seaside.**

This will be explored through a cross curricular approach incorporating the foundation subjects. Our main focus in Materials will be science but we will also be incorporating, art, and design technology in this.

We have a history and geography focus in the second half of the term.

In **Science** our topics are materials followed by growth. We will be learning about the parts of plants, how they grow and we can look after them.

ICT this term will develop further word processing skills as well as using the programme Knowledge Box and the internet to find information.

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

This term swimming sessions will take place each Tuesday and there will be one other PE session in the week. We would welcome you help with Swimming. A rota is up outside each class.

Please ensure that your child his/her full P.E kit in school on P.E days and that it is clearly labelled with their name).

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

Class 3: P.E- Wednesday pm.

Class 4: P.E- Thursday am.

