

Year 1 Newsletter

September - October 2015

Literacy— in class we will be reading several different superhero stories and will be using these stories as a stimulus for several different writing activities such as: character profiles, re-tells, letters and the children will be writing their own chapter of a story. The children will also be doing drama activities to help support their understanding and to generate ideas for writing.

Numeracy— this term we will be practicing our counting skills, estimating, working on number bonds, doubling numbers and working on recognition of 2D-shapes and the children will be sorting 2D shapes into Venn and Carroll diagrams.

Science — we are going to be learn about the human body and will be naming parts and organs. The children will also explore their senses and look closely at sound, sight, hearing and touch through a variety of practical learning activities.

ICT—As part of our We Are Painters ICT topic the children will be using Purple Mash Software to illustrate an eBook.

PE—the children will be working on their balance and movement this term.

RE—the children will be learning about Buddhism.

Art and Design— the children will be practicing drawing their self portrait and will then be using paint to complete their self portrait.

Reading

Try to read regularly at home with your child each week and complete their reading record and reading challenge. This is checked each Friday in school to ensure that children are reading at home. When listening to your child read there is a section in the middle of the reading record where the phonemes (letter sounds—ch, th, sh, ee, ai etc) that your child will learn are. Please practice these with your child regularly as this will improve their reading and also their spelling .

Homework

This will be set every **MONDAY** and needs to be returned by the following **MONDAY**. All spellings will be assessed on the **FRIDAY** of the week that they are sent home. Homework sent home directly links into the work the children are doing in class and it is important that it is completed to the highest standard possible in order to consolidate and extend children's learning.