

St John's Walham Green C of E Primary School

Information for Parents – How to help your child

**Year Group:** 1    **Term:** Spring    **Class Teacher:** Miss Sach and Miss England    **Date:** 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Our main topic this term is 'The United Kingdom'

**REGULAR TASKS**

Reading: Please find time to read with your child every day for around 10-15 minutes away from the TV or loud music and ensure you sign and date their Reading Records. You should ask your child questions about the book they are reading to think about the story further and encourage them to use expression. Reading books will be changed once a week on a Monday. At school your child will be read with regularly by their teacher or Teaching Assistant, using the same scheme and level of book as their home reading book. Your child will also take part in 'Guided Reading' sessions with their class teacher. **Please note that teacher comments on the guided reading sessions are kept separately and so will not be recorded in your child's yellow home reading record.**

Spelling: We will have weekly spelling tests which will take place on a Friday. The words sent home will be a mixture of words based on a sound that your child has covered in that week's phonics sessions, and some 'high frequency' and 'tricky' words, i.e. commonly used words and words that cannot be phonetically decoded and so need to be learnt by memory. These will be completed at the back of their homework books so you can see their progression.

At the back of their homework books are their list spellings. These are high frequency words that the children should be able to sight read.

Handwriting: We have regular handwriting sessions. Please give your child the opportunity to practice the formation of letters and check that they are forming them in the correct orientation. You could play lots fun games to encourage this such as using fingers to draw letters in the air, or using sand to draw letters.

Literacy: We will begin the term by looking at traditional tales. We will focus on retelling stories and ordering events using story language. We will explore familiar themes and characters through improvisation and role-play. Our first books will be Traction Man and The Wind in the Willows.

Maths: We will be continuing to add and subtract within 20 learning new strategies. We will be looking at time and will move on to numbers within 50.

- Using mathematical vocabulary whilst taking part in practical problem solving activities.
- Recognising the names and basic properties of common 2D and 3D shapes.
- Telling the time to o'clock and half past
- Consolidating number bonds.

Phonics: Your child will take part in a daily phonics session that is targeted to their ability group. We will continue to use the Read Write Inc scheme that your child has used in Reception. All children should know Set 2 and Set 3 sounds.

Science: In science we will be looking at Materials and their properties,

Computing: In ICT we will be learning to programme using simple instructions.

History/Geography: We will be finding out about directions in relation to our local area and our school. We will be learning about the United Kingdom, looking at special traditions within the four countries.

PSHE/Circle time – We will be talking about E- safety.

RE: We will be learning about the Jewish faith.

Art: In Art we will focus on collage and materials. We will look at a range of different artists through the term.

Music: In Music the children will be continuing to work on the main elements of music (beat, rhythm, melody, form, dynamics, texture and timbre) through singing and playing percussion instruments in simple songs and musical games.

Homework: Your child will receive one piece of homework each week in relation to the work we have been doing in school to support their learning and skills. This will be given out on a Friday and will be due back in on a Wednesday.

**A small amount of dedicated time at home each day for reading/homework will help your child to reinforce their learning and progress well.**

*You are always welcome to come and see us with any questions or if you would like further advice or ideas of how you could further help your child at home.*

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Head of School:

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