



St John's Walham Green C of E Primary School

Information for Parents - How to help your child

Year Group: 1 Term: Summer Class Teacher: Mrs Hassoun and Miss Hagger

Our main topic this term is 'Changes'

REGULAR TASKS

Reading: Please find time to read with your child every day for around 10 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 are changed twice a week on a Monday and Thursday. 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 the sounds that your child has covered in that week's phonics sessions. Your child will now also have a short spellings test every Monday on 'Tricky words'. These are 'high frequency' words, i.e. commonly used words and words that cannot be phonetically decoded and so need to be learnt by memory.

Handwriting: We have regular handwriting sessions. Please give your child the opportunity to practise the formation of letters by checking that they are forming them in the correct orientation. Handwriting sheets will be sent home regularly to practise and refine their handwriting style.

Literacy: 'Power of Reading' texts: The Jolly Postman - through this text your child will learn to write a letter to a friend as well as learn about the features of a diary before writing a diary entry.

Zeraffa Giraffa – children will learn to take part in a debate and to create a persuasive piece of writing related to the lives of giraffes.

Maths: We start the term by practising counting on from any given two-digit within 100. Children will find one more/one less and ten more/ten less from a given two-digit number and solve simple addition and subtraction problems using concrete objects and pictorial representations. We then move on to learn about money, explore capacity and volume before learning about multiplication and division.

Please help your child with:

- Using mathematical vocabulary whilst taking part in practical problem solving activities.
- To ensure that they regularly practise their number bonds.

Phonics: Your child will take part in a daily phonics session that is targeted to their ability group using the Read Write Inc. scheme. In preparation for the Phonics Screening Check, which takes place in June, your child will now also practise to read non-sense words (words that do not exist but which children are expected to decode in order to assess their developing reading skills).

Science: In science we are learning about the importance of plants to people as a source of food. Children will learn about what plants need to grow healthy. They will make scientific observations as well as engage in experiments to help them find out important facts about plants and growth.

Computing: In ICT we will learn to find some straight-forward information from a 'safe', selected online resource in our scientific research about plants.

Topic: We will be learning about significant events in British History and plot these on a time line.

PSHE/Circle time – We will be talking about our school value of respect and how we can show this in our life at school and at home.

RE: The children will be learning about Hinduism and engage in various activities to enhance their learning about this ancient religion.

Art/DT: In DT we will exploring pop-up books and create our own pop up pictures based on the story of the Jolly Postman.

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.