



'Helpful Heroes' Overview Letter for KS1 – Term 2

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to another busy and exciting term leading up to Christmas! We would like to say well done to all of the children who have been actively reading over the half-term holiday, as we can really see the difference in your reading confidence – keep up the great work ☺

This term, we will be introducing the children to the wonderful work of the Emergency Services. We have already been fortunate to have visits from the local fire service and air ambulance rescue service. The children thoroughly enjoyed meeting people who work for these services and they learnt lots of interesting facts about the important jobs that they do. We are looking forward to having other special visitors this term and if you or someone you know works for a service that helps people, we would love to hear from you.

Please find the following documents attached to this letter for your reference:

- A topic web to provide you with an overview of the term.
- A new list of homework projects that your child can choose to complete in exchange for a small prize.
- A grammar passport to support you and your child with using and understanding the English terminology that is taught at Key Stage One.
- Year 1 English homework letter.

Term 2 Events:-

- 10th November: Non-uniform day in support of 'Hamper Donations'
 - 14th November: Flu vaccinations
 - 14th & 15th November: Parent's Evenings
 - 17th November: Non-uniform day in support of 'Children in Need'
 - 20th November: TTD – School closed to pupils
 - 22nd November: KS1 Curriculum Parent Meeting – more information to follow nearer the date
 - 5th & 6th December: KS1 Christmas Play Production
 - 13th December: Christmas Lunch
 - 15th December: End of term (finish at 12pm)
- (Please check the school website and school emails for any changes to the above dates)

English

This term, the children will have valuable opportunities to improve their knowledge and understanding of the work of the emergency services by using a range of non-fiction texts. They will be able to apply and convey this knowledge when creating factual posters and leaflets about the emergency services.

The children will then learn about the features of instructions, prior to writing their own sets of instructions for others to follow. We are looking forward to discovering how to follow, and write, instructions to make pop-up cards for Christmas, as well as exploring some festive poetry.

Maths

The children will continue to develop their knowledge of the number system and the four main operations in maths this term. They will be supported with using apparatus to support them with their calculations, in addition to working on improving their mental maths skills. The children will have opportunities to explore the inverse relationships between addition and subtraction, and between multiplication and division. We will then focus on 'fractions' as part of our work on division, prior to learning the names and features of 2d and 3d shapes. The children will then be able to apply their learning on fractions when finding specific fractions of shapes.

In order to support your child with developing their mental maths skills, please encourage them to log on to Mathletics at home (using the log in details in their reading record book) to explore the activities that are relevant to them. In addition, there are also a variety of suggested games on our school website on the 'Curriculum' page that your child may enjoy.

Many thanks for your support and best wishes,

Year 1 & 2 Team

