



Year 1/2 Newsletter

Spring 1 2018

Year 1 – Mars Class
Year 1/2 – Jupiter Class
Year 1/2 – Neptune Class

Ensuring



Providing



Fostering



Happy New Year!



We hope you all had a fabulous time with your families over Christmas and that you made the most of the special time together.

2018

The Key Stage 1 team would like to express their gratitude for the wonderful cards and gifts that they received before the holidays and they hope Santa was kind to you all too!

Our main theme for this half term is 'Iceberg Ahead'. In this topic we will be exploring the historical event of the sinking of the Titanic. Remember the Year 1/2 children's webpage on the school website <http://www.stthomasmores.org.uk> has information such as reminders about homework, newsletters and a link to our blog which has regular updates and photographs showing what is happening in our classrooms - stmsks1.wordpress.com

We also try and post regularly on our school Facebook page so there are lots of ways for you to keep up to date with all our 'goings-on'!



Important dates for your diary

Wednesday 24th January - 2.30pm - KS1 liturgy in the school hall - all welcome - (letter to follow)

Thursday 1st February - Titanic role play day and Family Learning session
- **(letter to follow which will also confirm the date)**



Parent helper request

Thank you to the fantastic team of parents who are currently helping us in school - your time is very much appreciated by the staff and children. We are always on the lookout for parent volunteers who can give up an hour or so to help out in school in a range of ways, particularly with hearing children read or playing maths games to practise quick fire maths skills. If you are interested in becoming one of our parent helpers please see one of the class teachers.



Year 1/2 Nativity and Craft Fair

Judging by the round of applause that the children got after their Nativity performance last term, I think we can say it was a great success.

We would like to say a very big thank you to the parents for supporting their children with learning lines and songs and also providing costumes and of course attending on the day.



You will be pleased to hear that KS1 raised the largest amount of money at the Christmas Craft Fair this year, which means as a phase we will get some of our total back to be used for a special treat! We will let you know what reward the children will be receiving once we have come up with a plan. Again thank you for your support at this event.

Surgery Day

Each morning, class teachers will be out on the playground to meet the children and bring them in. Please come and speak to us if you have anything you think we need to know or have any worries. If you need to speak to us for longer than just a quick word, please make an appointment with the appropriate teacher. Our surgery day is on a Tuesday.

Reading

Our school readership award scheme encourages your child to read and share books at home on at least 3 days of the week. All classes have had a fairly good response to this scheme and your support with this is greatly welcomed.

Each week anybody who reads at home on at least 3 occasions, gets a raffle ticket entered into the readership prize bag and then 2 names are drawn randomly each week and the winners get to choose a small prize.

The **MORE** that you **READ**,
the more **THINGS** you will **KNOW**.
The **MORE** you **LEARN**,
the more **PLACES** you'll **GO!**
~Dr. Seuss

Maths



Well done to those children and parents who are working regularly on their Quick fire Maths targets and Number Fact Challenge.



Frequent practise is key to helping your child recall the answers quickly, rather than having to use their fingers or counting apparatus. Many of the targets can be practised anywhere and at any time in the car, on the bus, on the way to school, in a queue and so on!

Quick fire only - When you think your child is confident in their targets please sign their record card, let us know and we will check them in school and move them to the next level as appropriate.

Religious Education



This week we have been thinking about 'Christmas' and exploring the Christmas story in more detail. Our other RE topic for this half term is 'Revelation', where we will be exploring how God reveals himself through Jesus Christ, the Church and the Scriptures.



Does your child have a favourite parable or miracle story from the Bible?

If so, please encourage them to bring it into school and share it with the class. They could bring in their Bible story or maybe a picture of the parable or miracle.

Family Learning Sessions



We are running two Family Learning opportunities this half term. They will be on the same day in an effort to encourage a good attendance.

Thursday 1st February - afternoon - Titanic Day event - **letter to follow to confirm dates**

Thursday 1st February - afternoon - Reading workshop (Book Talk) - letter to follow to confirm dates

More information will follow soon. We are hoping that as many parents will come along as possible to these events.

Thank you to all our parents, carers and volunteers for your continued support.

Thank you!