



Year 1/2 Newsletter

Summer 1 2018

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

Ensuring



Providing



Fostering



Welcome to the Summer term!



We hope you have all had a wonderful time with your families and friends over the Easter break and made the most of the little bit of sunshine that we had!



THIS HALF TERM'S LEARNING



Next week we will be launching our new topic 'From Peru to Paddington'. This topic is primarily a geography topic and we will be finding out about Peru and London along with learning about oceans, continents, capital cities and lots more!



We will be using Paddington Bear as our key character to guide us through our learning as he was originally from darkest Peru.



We will also be having an animal visitor coming to visit us this half term, who in the wild can often be found in the mountains of Peru.

I wonder what it might be?

Please remember that further information, such as topic flyers, homework and curriculum maps can be found on the Year 1/2 children's webpage on the school website

<http://www.st-thomasmores.hants.sch.uk> . Plus you can visit the school Facebook page or our blog to find out what is happening in school in KS1 - stmsks1.wordpress.com

Guide Dogs for the Blind Fundraiser Event

Wow! What a fantastic week we have had in KS1 raising money for the Guide Dogs charity. It has been very successful and we are sure that we have raised enough to be able to sponsor a class of 3 puppies. We will let you know the total next week and keep you updated on what happens next. Thank you!



Important dates for your diary



Monday 7 May - Bank Holiday - school closed

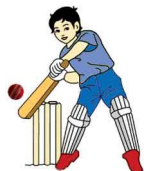
Half term - week beginning 28 May

P.E. kits and Cricket



Just a couple of reminders about P.E. kits. Please ensure kit is in school each week and ALL kit is named. Don't forget to check that your child's plimsolls fit.

This half term the children are very lucky to be receiving cricket skills training every Wednesday afternoon from a cricket coach so also please ensure earrings are removed on a Wednesday too. Thank you.



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 readership award is working well for most children who are keen to get their names entered into the class raffle each week. We would love ALL children to meet their readership target in the summer term, so we would like to encourage all parents to read with their child for at least 3 times a week and record this in their home school log.

The Oxford Owl site has some useful information for parents for how to support your child with reading and also a free eBook library which your child can access and select appropriately aged books on a variety of devices -

10 Ways to Become a Better Reader



<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/advice-for-parents/reading-at-home/>

Maths

We have lots of maths topics in the summer term that can be practised and reinforced at home. Here's just a few ideas -

- Telling the time - Y1 o'clock and half past - Y2 as Y1 plus quarter past/to and 5 minute intervals
- Fractions - Y1 finding half and quarter of objects, shapes or quantities - Y2 as Y1 plus $\frac{3}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{3}$
- Multiplication - Y1 counting in steps/counting groups of objects in 2s, 5s and 10s - Y2 counting in steps/counting groups of objects in 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s and recalling the times tables for the 2, 5 and 10 times tables

Should you need any help with how to support your child with any of these ideas, please come and ask one of us.

Here is another useful site which gives ideas and information about how to support your child with maths -

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/advice-for-parents/maths-at-home/>



Religious Education

We start this half term with our Easter topic. In this unit the children will explore the events of the Resurrection on the first Easter Sunday. We will also be thinking about the symbols of Easter and exploring the symbolism of the Easter candle.



Just before half term we will begin our Pentecost and Mission topic, where we will further deepen the children's understanding of the Pentecost story.

Thank you to everyone who supported our Lenten CAFOD appeal by sending in donations of spare change, which we added to our buckets each week.

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

Thank You!