

ALL YEAR 1 PARENTS

January 2012

Dear Year 1 Parents

Welcome back and a happy New Year to you all. The children have returned to School with enthusiasm and have already enjoyed a winter walk in the School grounds on the first day back.

The topic for this half term is about fairy tales. We will look at The Ugly Duckling and The Selfish Giant, as well as several other well known stories. We invite you to explore similar stories at home with your child. By the end of the second week we will have visited the Polka Theatre in Wimbledon to see a production of The Ugly Duckling to engage the children further in the story.

The Selfish Giant is a story about the value of sharing and being kind and generous. It ties in well with the first Character Quality of the year, namely love. We will be learning how to use adjectives and connectives in story writing lessons to describe the characters, the settings and how they felt at different points of the story.

In humanities (geography and history lessons) we have planned to look closely at the four seasons and their defining characteristics and hope you can support this theme by exploring your collection of postcards, holiday souvenirs, memorabilia and by visiting the local library for resource books.

In English we are learning phonics through the Letters and Sounds scheme. Writing activities will include imaginative story writing, factual accounts and making lists. Cursive handwriting has been introduced and will be practiced regularly. Spellings, reading and maths homework will continue to be sent home weekly.

In mathematics, we will continue to develop addition and subtraction strategies and understand number value. We will also be weighing and looking at time in relation to the seasons. We will continue to use a 100 square and number lines in order to support the children with the recognition of place value.

This new topic will incorporate art and design, music, science, humanities and drama. We do appreciate your input and if you have anything you would like to contribute to our topic, please contact us.

We look forward to your continuing support.

Yours sincerely

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