

January 2020

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Class One. We hope you all had a lovely Christmas break. This term we will begin our topic of Journeys. We will be exploring the journeys of significant individuals throughout history. The key individuals we will be looking at are Neil Armstrong and Amelia Earhart. In science we will recap our understanding of everyday materials. We will then go on to explore animals including humans. The final week of this half term will be the second of four 'Nature Detectives' weeks that will take place over the course of the year, we will use this time to explore seasonal change.

In Maths we will continue to use the concrete, pictorial and abstract method of learning. We will cover the concepts of addition and subtraction with numbers to 20, place value with numbers up to 50 and measurement. For more details, look at the Maths spring overview.

As a class in English will be reading the books, Somebody Swallowed Stanley, Commotion in the Ocean, Man on the Moon and Amelia Earhart. These texts will be used to develop the children's writing using the Talk for Writing model.

"If you can't say it, you can't write it" - Pie Corbett

We will put a copy of our current topic web and timetable on the class blog so you can find out more about what your child will be learning.

Reading and Phonics

As we have mentioned previously, the teaching of reading is a combined effort between the child, teacher, parents and TAs. We would like to thank you for all your support in helping the children to complete the phonics activities and reading at home. We would continue to encourage you to write the comments in the children's reading records as this enables us to see how they are using their phonics at home. More information about the phonics screening test will be given out next half term.

If you would like to discuss anything concerning your child please do not hesitate to make an appointment to see us.

Kind Regards

Miss Rahman and Mrs Bennett