

Class HH Newsletter

February / March 2018

Welcome back. I hope you've all had a relaxing half term. Please come and see me if you have any questions, concerns or would just like more information.

Topic: The topic for this term will be **Wiggly Worms and Friends**. The topic will have a science focus around mini-beasts and their habitats. Although there will be an emphasis on non-fiction texts and working scientifically, we will also look at some stories including Superworm, Yucky Worms and the hungry caterpillar.

Mathematics: The children will be working on rapid recall of number bonds to 10 and 20, subtraction facts within 10 or 20, applying addition and subtraction facts to simple word problems, knowing doubles to 10 and halving even numbers to 20. They will be counting in multiples of 2, 5 and 10. and counting on from any number in tens (3,13,23...). **Please encourage your child to practice their mental maths skills (addition and subtraction facts) at home. Fluency in these skills is an important foundation for maths throughout the school.**



Reading The children will continue to read individually to an adult, as part of a small group in guided reading sessions as well as sharing texts as a class linked to the topic and also as the story of the week. They will be encouraged to expect texts to make sense and to go back and check where this is not the case.

Please support your child by listening to your child read at home as often as possible and please sign the reading record as this helps us to monitor progress.

Writing will focus on non fiction texts and composing sentences and linking ideas with and and because. - Clear, neat and accurate letter formation and handwriting will continue to be encourage and corrected.

Phonic and spelling skills will be developed through daily sessions focussing on letter sounds, blends, letter clusters, vowel digraphs, rhyming words, plurals and simple suffixes (-ing, -ed).

Writing is a complex skill that needs lots of reinforcement so please encourage your child to write at home.

Home School Books: The children all have a home-school book where we will share the main areas of learning for the week and give a couple of ideas for supporting at home. Please support the development of your child by trying some of the activities. If you require any further information or clarification, please ask.

Activities to try:

Sharing and discussing stories. Remember to get the children to predict what will happen next and to think about how the characters are feeling and why they decided to do what they did.

Finding fun facts: Use books of the internet to find interesting fun facts about topics that interest them.

Reciting Poems: find, learn and recite a funny poem.

Writing: Fact files,

Playing games together. (I went shopping ... board games etc quick fire maths questions)

Computer based games: try sites like Top marks (www.topmarks.co.uk)



Water Bottles: Please make sure your child has a **plastic bottle filled with water (no juice, thank you)**. Bottles need to be stored in the orchard. Please can you ensure that the bottle is filled and cleaned regularly and is named.

P.E. on Tuesdays

Remember all diary dates and further information are available on the school website and weekly newsletters.

