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Class HH Newsletter

November / December 2017

Welcome back. I hope you've all had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year and are ready for the new 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 **Robots** and will involve stories, rhymes and poems featuring robots, following and writing sets of Instructions, an introduction to algorithms (computer programmes) and giving directions to Bee Bots and other programmable toys.

Mathematics: will initially focus on 2D and 3D shapes including recognising and naming common 2-D shapes (rectangles, squares, circles and triangles) and common 3-D shapes (cuboids cubes, cylinders, pyramids and spheres). We will also focus on the language of position (left and right, top, middle and bottom, on top of, in front of, above, between, around, near, close and far, inside and outside) and the language of direction and motion (left and right, up and down, forwards and backwards) as well as looking at whole, half and quarter turns in both directions. The children will continue to develop number and calculation skills (counting, reading, writing and ordering numbers, quick recall of addition and subtraction facts of all numbers to 10, recall of pairs of numbers with a total of 10, counting forwards and backwards in twos, fives and tens.

Reading will continue to be an important part of the curriculum.

The children will continue to read individually to an adult in school, and will share texts as a class. Year One children will also take part in small group guided reading sessions.

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.

Their **phonic and spelling skills** will be developed through letter sounds, blends, letter clusters, vowel digraphs, rhyming words and plurals.

The children will also be **writing** through a variety of tasks. Reception will be focusing on writing letters clearly and accurately and composing sentences, while Year One will develop their skills through writing accurate sentences and instructions with appropriate punctuation and correct letter formation.

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

Physical Development: P.E. will take place on Tuesday afternoons and will be delivered by On-side Coaching. Please remember that they need to come dressed in jogging bottoms, school PE T-shirt and school jumpers on a Tuesday.

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.

Year One Share a book: Please bring your favourite book to share with the class.

12th January: Jasmine

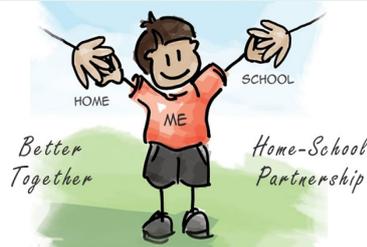
19th January: Ethan K

26th January: Maria

2nd February: Josephine

9th February: Abel

16th February: Isabella



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