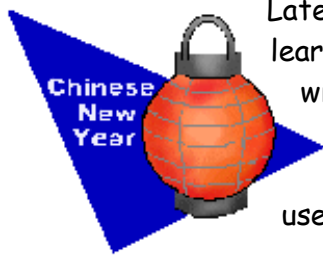


Puffins Curriculum Overview

Hello and a very 'Happy New Year' to you all. We hope you have all had a lovely Christmas break. The children certainly seemed to have enjoyed it as they have been busy telling us their Christmas news, as well as drawing and writing about what they got for Christmas.

We have another busy and exciting term lined up for the children. Initially we will be spending time catching up and exploring the features of winter. We will also be filling our birdfeeders regularly and taking part in the RSPB Schools Birdwatch later this month. Our topic for this half term is 'Transport'. We will be learning about transport on land, sea and air, and comparing old and new types of transport. This will include looking at the life of Amy Johnson and the significance of her achievements. After half term our topic focus is 'Africa'. We will be learning about different types of animals, what they need to survive and the contrasting habitats they live in, as well as comparing physical and human features of hot and cold places.



Later on this half term we will be celebrating Chinese New Year; learning the story of the Chinese Zodiac, making Chinese Lanterns, writing our names using Chinese symbols, creating a dragon dance and making Chinese hats to wear during our Chinese banquet, where we will be tasting a variety of Chinese food and learning how to use chopsticks.

In English we will be reading a variety of story books, as well as using information books linked to our topics. We will be focussing our writing skills on basic punctuation and using adjectives and adverbs, as well as exploring story settings, characters and events. Our daily phonics sessions will continue as we move the children forward with their reading skills.



In Maths we will be reinforcing our counting, number recognition, number formation and ordering skills through a range of activities. We will be adding and subtracting, including number bonds for Year 1, and exploring measures, including weight and height.

P.E. sessions will take place on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons this half term. Please can you ensure your child has their P.E. kit in school each week. We have Harry Sheader in school to teach gymnastics on Tuesdays, which I am sure the children will enjoy.

In R.E. we will be thinking about special places and exploring the theme of worship. We will also be developing our understanding of the Christian values of courage and perseverance.

Our next parent's evenings will be later this term, but please remember that if you would like to speak to us at any time we are always available before and after school should you have any questions or concerns.

Mrs Dinsdale, Mrs Goacher, Miss Cousins and Mrs Sutton