

Term 2 - 'Why Didn't Granny Have an iPad?'

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Wow! What a fabulously busy half term we have all had in Seahorse Class, with the highlight of our learning definitely being our Scarecrow's Wedding! The children have settled into year 1 fantastically well and are already working so hard and so independently. This term we will continue to investigate old and new toys, and how they have changed over time. In Science we will be looking at different materials and their properties in relation to toys. The children will have the opportunity to make their own puppets in DT.

In RE we will learn about Christian traditions at Christmas time.

In Computing, we are going to be designing and making our own digital Christmas cards. During Art lessons the children will be creating lots of Christmas art and applying their painting skills. A grid showing the subjects areas covered this term is at the bottom of this letter.

We will also be rehearsing for our Christmas Nativity, which we are very excited about! (Children and teachers alike!)

Staffing-

Things will remain the same for this term in Seahorse class with Mrs Whittall teaching Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and Miss Humberson teaching on a Thursday and Friday. Mrs Harris is due to return from maternity leave as of Term 3 and from January will be teaching in Seahorse class on a Monday, Thursday and Friday with Mrs Whittall teaching on Tuesday and Wednesday. In order for the children to get to know Mrs Harris she will be popping in to spend some time with the class over this next term to ensure a smooth transition come January.

Dates:

Tuesday 6th November & Thursday 8th November – Parents Evening (by appointment)

Reading



A big well done to so many of the children who achieved Give Me 5 this term. There were many names entered into this term's prize draw, each child's name being entered for every week they achieved 5 reads with an adult (recorded in their reading record book). Congratulations to Sarah whose name was drawn from the hat. Sarah had her name entered 5 times as she achieved Give Me 5 for 5 weeks this term. It just shows the more times your name is entered the better chance you have of winning!

Please try to hear your child read as often as possible. Shorter, regular bursts are most effective. Even the most confident readers benefit from reading aloud to an adult as well as reading silently to themselves. All children will develop their comprehension skills from discussing a text to check their understanding. Remember it doesn't have to be the whole book each time and it is ok to re-read the same book or select your own material from home.

IMPORTANT MESSAGES:

- We will continue our PE slots on a Monday and a Friday this term. Please ensure your child's named PE kit is in school every day.
- Now that the weather has turned colder and wetter please bring a coat into school **every** day even if the mornings are sunny!

Thank you for your continued support.

Please come and see us if you have any questions or queries.

Have a lovely half term break.

The Seahorse Team

