

Year 1 Newsletter

We hope you had a lovely half-term and are ready for the run up to Christmas!

English



We will be looking at an alternate version of a traditional tale and using this to write character descriptions, posters, potion recipes and poems.

Later on in the term we will be writing and sending a letter to Father Christmas.

Maths



Number and place value

We will be working out number bonds to any number up to 10 and will be working out matching subtraction calculations.

We will be adding and subtracting using numbers up to 20.

We will be looking at different fact families including addition and subtraction.

Shape

We will be looking at shape, position and direction.

Topic



Science

In Science we will be looking at the properties and uses of various materials. We will be carrying out various investigations to test different materials for particular purposes.

History

This term our topic is about the history of West Malling. We will learn about St Leonards Tower, the Church, the Abbey and Douces Manor. We hope to have a local school trip to support our learning.

RE



In RE we will be looking at the story of Jesus' birth and why Jesus is important for Christians. We will be thinking about the question 'why does Christmas matter to Christians?'

ICT



They will become more familiar with the different components of a computer by developing their keyboard and mouse skills, and also start to consider how to use technology responsibly.

DT



We will be joining 2 pieces of fabric together to create a hand puppet based on a storybook character.

Notices



Home Learning - Every day children are expected to do a short reading and maths activity to practise key skills. This **could be** using Bug Club or Mathletics or practising the tricky red words. Thank you for the fantastic home learning that took place last term. The children loved sharing their work with others. New home learning ideas for the term are in the Home Learning books and should be completed throughout the term and this is due in on **Monday 12th December**.

Reading Books - These should be read frequently throughout the week and brought back to school on Fridays. Bug Club is good to use too as it exposes your child to lots of different books and genres. Please answer the Bug questions as they help to reinforce the important reading skills we have been learning in class.

PE will continue to be on Mondays and Thursdays.

Please ensure that any clothing and belongings brought into school are clearly labelled including lunch boxes, book bags / rucksacks and school uniform including outdoor wear. **All children should be wearing a school tie as part of their uniform.** Please ensure your child brings a water bottle into school every day.

Please do email me if you have any questions or queries limeteacher@west-malling.kent.sch.uk **Don't forget to check our class page on the school website too!**

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to the term ahead.

Mrs Woodhouse, Mrs Harris, Mrs Stevens and Miss Williment.