

Year 1 Curriculum Update

December 2019

Values: Appreciation and Compassion

Dear Parents/Carers,



It has been a jam-packed half term! We started with looking at and exploring the Hindu Festival of Diwali. The children loved finding out about how this is celebrated in the Hindu community and even got to try on some traditional clothes. Following this, we then looked at the importance of reflecting on Remembrance Day and they wrote fact files and poems about Poppies. Year 1 have continued to have weekly swimming lessons, forest school with Mrs Richards, musical theatre with Jack and Rugby.



Every Child is an Artist

Year 1 have thoroughly enjoyed our theme this term and have approached it with enthusiasm. In the first half of our theme, we spent time exploring natural materials and looking at artists who used the natural environment. In the latter half, we started to look at recycled materials. The highlight of this, for the children, was having a local artist, Rachel Blakeway, come in to work with us on using recycled materials to work on a collaborative piece of art. We have also explored line and colour in which we have been investigation colour theory and looking at artists who work with colour.



PE

For the last couple of week's year 1 have been learning about yoga. We have learnt lots of different yoga moves and have talked about controlling our breathing and keeping our core controlled too. The children have developed their own yoga sequences and are looking forward to sharing these in their class assembly.

Reminder; Please ensure that the children have their PE kits in school every day. This is to include black short and/or joggers, white polo shirt and daps/trainers.

Key stage one Christmas party

For Key stage one, our Christmas party is on the 19th of December. More information will be sent out shortly.

Swimming

As you are aware this term Year 1 have been going to swimming each Friday. They have thoroughly enjoyed going and are all much more confident in the water. Swimming for Year 1 will end this term.

40 reads

Lots of children have now achieved their 40 reads. Please continue to read with your child as much as possible so all children reach their 40 reads. Lets get to 80!

Independence in Year 1

We have been really impressed with the independence that the children have showed when coming into school this term. Please continue to encourage this as much as possible into the Spring term.

Dates for your diary

- **11th December** - Christmas jumper day
- **11th December** - Christmas Dinner
- **11th December** - Class Assembly -
- **13th December** - PTA School disco
- **18th December** - Madley Christmas celebration at the church.
- **19th December** - KS1 Christmas party.
- **20th December** - Last day of term