



Cumberworth CE First School

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Team Taj Mahal – Class Newsletter Spring 1

School improvement focus

Our focus this half term is:

- SEND Provision

English

In Reception we will be learning to write CVC captions and short sentences. In Year 1 we will learn how to create fact-files and write our own version of a narrative. We will also be focusing on using adjectives and conjunctions in our sentences, ensuring we edit them carefully for punctuation and meaning.

The books we will be exploring are *Astro Girl* by Ken Wilson-Max and *Look Up* by Nathan Bryon.

Maths

This half term we will be covering:

Year 1 - Place Value and addition and subtraction within 20.

Reception – Subitising, counting, ordinality and cardinality, composition within 5 and 10 and mass and capacity.

Diary Dates

January:

16th – HTFC Stadium Tour
22nd – Young Voices Wicked Worldwide Singalong
27th – Year 1 Multi-skills at Shelley College

February:

2nd – SEND Drop in session 3
4th – Parents into maths lessons
5th – Rock Kidz in school all day
9th – Whole school winter wellbeing walk
9th – 13th – Children's Mental Health Week
10th – Internet Safety Day
11th – all classes to take part in a Forest School session
12th – All classes to take part in a Fair and Funky Workshop
12th – After school disco 4:30pm-6pm
13th - NSPCC maths (money) themed day – children can come dressed as anything maths related/favourite number for a suggested donation of £2 for the NSPCC

Attendance

Our class attendance this year to date is 97.3%

General Class Information

P.E. lessons will continue to be on **Wednesdays and Thursdays**, so please send your child to school dressed in their P.E kit on these days.

For **homework**, please continue to develop your child's love of reading through enjoying books together regularly and supporting them with their reader. Please fill in a comment in their reading record book so that we know that your child is coping well with the books sent home. There is also a **homework menu** that your child may wish to dip into over the course of the half term. Y1s will continue to receive a weekly spelling and maths activity to complete.

Please can you continue to ensure that your child brings a **coat suitable for our changeable weather and a water bottle to school each day** (as well as their reader and reading record). **Library books** need to be returned **every Thursday**.

Mrs Seage and Miss Threlfall can be contacted via Class Dojo if you have any questions and we look forward to another fabulous half term with Team Taj Mahal!

Topics this term: Once Upon a Time and Sparkle and Shine

In **Science** we will be learning about the uses of everyday materials and how materials' properties make them suitable or unsuitable for specific purposes. We will also explore how materials can be changed through bending, stretching, squashing and twisting.

In **Music**, we will develop our active listening skills through listening to various pieces of music, develop a sense of beat by performing actions, and explore the range and capabilities of voices through vocal play.

In **RE** we will be looking at how we are special and exploring the question: where do we belong? The children will learn about key religious symbols for Christians, Muslims and Hindus and they will explore why many Christians believe that they are special to God.

In **PSHE**, we will be looking at Dreams and Goals - what are our aspirations and how will we achieve them? What is perseverance and what emotions might we feel along the way?

In **Computing**, we will explore how music can make us think and feel. We will make patterns and use those patterns to make music with both percussion instruments and digital tools. We will also create different rhythms and tunes, using the movement of animals for inspiration.

In **PE**, we will explore how to work safely, share and collaborate through our Gymnastics and Cheerleading units. The children will explore creating shapes, balances, jumps and rolls and learn how to put these into a sequence.

Our Projects for this Half term:

Starry Night - This project explores the differences in the world at night compared to during the day. It teaches children about the importance of a good night's sleep, and helps them to discover what is happening in the world while they are sleeping, including finding out about nocturnal animals.

Winter Wonderland - This project teaches children about the changes that happen during winter, including the types of weather associated with winter. It also explores places that have snow all year round and the types of animals that live there.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

If you wish to contact the school office, please ring 01484 609818 or email office@cumberworthfirstschool.co.uk.

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