



Dormice Class Newsletter Jan 2016



Curriculum Update

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2016. I hope you have had a lovely Christmas and Happy New Year. Thank you for all the messages and gifts we received at Christmas.

This term our topic is called 'Celebrations' which widen children's horizons and help them to understand why we celebrate different occasions.. Please see our Curriculum Map on the back of this letter. Reception aged children will be focusing on writing simple sentences using phonetically plausible attempts in spelling and focusing on recognising 11-20, saying one more and one less than a given number. In year one our key objectives will be to begin to punctuate sentences using a capital letters and a full stop and to leave spaces between words.

Our year 1 maths key objectives will look at using number bonds and related subtraction facts within 20. In shape we will be recognising and naming common 2-D and 3-D shapes, including 3-D shapes [for example, cuboids (including cubes), pyramids and spheres].

Also there will be a big focus on problem solving this term as we will be receiving new teaching materials very soon.

We will also be learning about different celebrations such as Chinese New Year, Shrove Tuesday , Valentines day and Easter.

This is the term where reception children will start to receive word lists that they can practise at home. A letter explaining the system will come home soon.

Other helpful information.

Our Daily Routine

9am-9.15am: Register and circle time.

9.15-10am Literacy based activities through adult directed and play based activities.

10-1.15 Snack Time

10.15-10.30 Phonics

10.45-11.45 Maths based activities through adult directed and play based activities.

11.45-12 Story time.

12-1pm Lunch in hall and then playtime.

1-2pm A range of subject areas covered throughout week (Science, Music, Art etc)

2pm-2.15pm Playtime

2.15-2.43pm Story time or Talk for Writing

2.30 -3.00pm Assembly (Times may change)

PE will be on a Tuesday. Please send in your child's PE kit if you haven't done already.

Important Information

One more thing....

Please make sure that you put your child's name in all pieces of clothing. We do our best to look after your child's uniform but every term we find that our lost property box is full.

Look out for the letter about open days where parents can join their child's class for the morning to see what they got up to.

