

CLASS 1 NEWSLETTER - WHALTON

'Good News,' will be the focus of this half terms R.E. How do we define peace and be a friend to the friendless? We will talk about what Good News means to our family and share our good news with our friends and family.

Plants, flowers and trees will be the focus on the first half term. I wonder what edible plants there are? We will compare wild flowers, trees - evergreen and deciduous and what grows in the UK.

In History, we are finding out all about The Great Fire of London. Looking at the building and how and why the fire spread so quickly/ We will also look at how the Fire Service has changed since 1666 and how we deal with emergencies.

Artists have many styles. I wonder what art work there is that has been made to reflect The Great Fire of London. We are going to investigate and then create our own masterpieces using mixed media.

We are going to talk about belonging to a community and what that means, as well as talking about how to stay safe online, in PSHE.

In Literacy, we will continue to follow Read, Write Inc, practise our letter formation and beautiful handwriting and explore more texts in Literacy Tree. Our focus texts are: Ning and the Night Spirits and Send for a Superhero.

PE this term will involve swimming on a Tuesday and Gymnastics (day to be confirmed). We will have specialist input for this from the Morpeth School Sports Partnership.

In Computing, we will continue to develop our skills. We will be typing using the keyboard, changing the colour, font and size.

In Maths, Reception will continue to work within numbers and accurate formation, before they move onto a unit of work 'Mass and Capacity.' Whilst Year 1 will be focusing on the place value of numbers to 20 and then work on addition and subtraction within 20. Together, we will also spend some extra time using the 'Maths Hub' resources, which links to Number Blocks too!

Children in Year 1 are expected to read at home 3 times per week, to support their in school learning. They will have a book which matches the Read, Write Inc system in school. They are also expected to practise their spellings at home for the weekly spelling test. Children in Reception are expected to practise their reading book or their sounds at least 3 times per week at home too, to consolidate their learning. Parents can log on to their google classroom to see what they have been up to each week.