

Year 1 Newsletter

December 2017

Hey Ewe!

Thanks you all for your support with helping the children with their costumes and lines for our play.

It was their first performance as a whole year group and we are so proud of them and super impressed with their grown up acting skills.

It was great to see so many of those who are usually shy, shine and really grow in self-confidence.

Well done Year 1, you were amazing!



Activities for home.

Lots of parents have asked about iPad/tablet apps that will help support learning at home so these are some of the apps we use in school to support learning in year 1. This time we are looking at reading and spelling apps.

Teach your monster to read – to help with learning sounds and blending to make words.

Twinkl phonics suite- available on app store. We are currently working on phase 5 sounds so Please recap games from phase 3, 4 and 5.

Rocket Speller – (Little big thinkers) This shows words with pictures and the children must choose the correct letters to make the word. This helps to too see where sounds/ letters have been missed out and you can control the difficulty.



How to support at home

- We will be sending home a letter formation sheet that shows you our school handwriting style. Your child may wish to practise their handwriting over the Christmas break.

Brilliant Beginnings!

- Our topic next half term will be Fairy tale problem solvers'. Here are some things your child can do to help get them ready:

Places to go

- Go ape – Kidderminster Wyre Forest. Junior ropes course.
- Woods and forests- Can you find your own hidden fairy tale house in the woods.
- Avoncroft museum of buildings.
- Ironbridge Gorge museums to see how bridges have been built in the past.

Websites to explore

- <https://www.topmarks.co.uk>- select ... Where you can access a range of interactive and animated fairy stories.

Things to make

- Models of the houses of the 3 little pigs.
- Puppets of characters from fairy stories.
- A new bridge for the trolls to use.

E-safety

We have been learning that unkind behaviour online can affect other people, even though we can't see them. Please reinforce this message at home if your child is communicating online.



Merry Christmas Everyone!

The Year 1 staff would like to take this opportunity to thank all the children for their hard work this term. May we also thank parents/carers for your continued support with your child's learning. We hope that you all have a wonderful Christmas holiday and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year!

School re opens for pupils on Thursday 4th December 2018.