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Year 1 & 2 Newsletter



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Friday, 17th January 2020

It has been a great start to the Spring Term in KS1!

Moon Class have started their learning all about dinosaurs this week! They began by thinking about what a dinosaur actually is and how long ago they lived. We have been trying to learn lots of the names!

Star class have been focusing on music and sounds as part of the 'Beat Band Boogie' theme. We have been reading 'The Bear and the Piano' by David Litchfield – a story about a talented bear who becomes a famous pianist.

In Key Stage 1:

Year 1 (Moon Class) – Moon class kicked off their learning about dinosaurs on their recent WOW day! They made dinosaur fossils, dug for fossils in the sand and even had a go at carefully breaking fossils out of rock! Cool!

Year 2 (Star Class) – As part of their 'Beat Band Boogie' theme Star Class have visited the Horniman Museum and took part in the 'Musical Instruments around the World' workshop. The children thoroughly enjoyed exploring the sounds, experimenting with and creating different sounds and music using a range of world instruments.



How you can help your child at home

Reading

Please encourage your child to read as much as possible at home and try to ask them questions about what they are reading.

Books are changed every **Monday** and **Thursday** in both classes. Please sign your child's Reading Record book every time you read with them. The children take home one levelled book which they should read independently as well as a story of their own choice which you can read together.

Homework is sent out every **Friday**. It will involve a handwriting practice sheet, a simple maths activity or a game to reinforce learning in class. The completed homework needs to be returned in folders by **Tuesday**.

Encourage your child to use **Mathletics** and **Time Tables Rockstars** websites/apps to support the children's learning in Maths. Logins are now stuck in every child's reading record. Please speak to the class teachers if you have any trouble with these.

Reminders and important dates:

Tue 3rd March & Wed 4th March
Parents Evenings

World Book Day
Thursday 5th March - Dress Up Day

This year's Book Week theme is Traditional Tales, e.g. The Little Red Riding Hood, The Three Little Pigs, Jack and the Beanstalk, Rapunzel, Hansel and Gretel...

The children will be reading a range of alternative versions of the well-known stories and they are encouraged to dress up as the characters from those stories.

Attendance

Moon – 96.3%



Star – 95.0%

