EYFS/ Year 1 Newsletter: Term 4 February 2020

Diamond

Emerald

Ruby

Jade

Opal

Dinosaur Museums

We want to say a huge thank you to all who attended the children's museums at the end of last term. There was a real buzz in the hall and the children loved sharing their learning with you. It was also a wonderful opportunity for children to share learning across classes and there was a really celebratory atmosphere.

Topic – Rumble in the Jungle

Our topic this term is 'Rumble in the Jungle!'
We will be learning facts about different jungle animals and rainforests around the world, creating some art work inspired by Henri Rousseau as well as taking part in some Jungle dance sessions! Towards the end of term we will be heading to The Wild Place Project in Bristol to end our topic! Diamond, Emerald and Opal parents are also invited to watch their child in their class assemblies.

Author of the Term

This term we are focussing on the children's author Giles Andreae. If your child has any of his books that they would like to bring in to share with the class that would be very welcome.

Reading Rewards

Please continue to write in your child's reading record *every time* they read with you at home. We know that regular practice at home does increase progress in reading. Thank you. Every time children read to an adult in or out of school they can colour in an 'Elmer' square. The class with the most completed Elmer sheets wins some books for their book corner every term!

Helpers: If you have a DBS check and some time to spare please check classroom doors for sign up sheets. Volunteers are needed for swimming, forest school and reading support.

Stay and Read

Stay and Read will continue on Wednesday mornings 8:40 – 8:55. Thank you for your support.

Appropriate Clothing

Please make sure that children come to school with warm coats, hats and gloves.

Book Week

Book week is the week commencing 2nd March. We are being visited by story teller Cassandra Wye who will tell stories with each class. Throughout the week we will be sharing books and poems with our friends and adults in school! Thursday 5th is World Book Day where we are inviting children to dress up as their favourite book character! Once again, we do not expect expensive shop bought costumes, be as creative as you can!

Phonics

The excellent app 'Teach your monster to read' is again free to download until 28th Feb. Please download it if you have not done so already.

EYFS: Children have now been introduced to many digraphs (2 letters, 1 sound) including *ai, oa, ar* and many more. You can support them by practising their word bags and reading books at home and spotting digraphs in words.

Year 1: Children are continuing to consolidate their phonic knowledge in reading and writing. Mrs Upham is running a workshop in the first week to inform parents about the Year 1 phonics check and offer guidance in supporting your child with phonics.

Dates for your diary

Thursday 27th Feb 8:50am – Phonics workshop for Year 1 parents
Friday 28th Feb 2:30pm – Repeat of phonics workshop for Year 1 parents
Monday 2nd March - Book Week
Thursday 5th March - World Book Day – come to school dressed up as a favourite character
Wednesday 18th March 10:15 am – Diamond Class assembly
Thursday 19th March 10:15am – Opal Class assembly
Tuesday 24th March – Diamond, Emerald and Opal trip to the Wild Place Project
Wednesday 25th March – Ruby and Jade trip to the Wild Place Project
Monday 30th March – Aspiration Week
Wednesday 1st April 10:15am – Emerald Class assembly
Friday 3rd April – Last day of term 4