

Literacy

Our new topic this half term is *Live and Let Live*. We will be learning about living and non-living things focusing on animals. The book is called '*One Day On Our Blue Planet - In The Savannah*' by Ella Bailey. This half term we will be encouraging the children to become familiar with the story through a range of writing genres including: poetry and persuasive letters

How can you help at home?

- Encourage your children to retell stories you read with them.
- Discuss things around them that are living and non-living and what makes something a living thing
- Read with your children every evening

Writing

Your child should be encouraged to write at every opportunity. It is crucial that your child uses their sounds and the special friends that are taught in Read Write Inc. (RWI).

Numeracy

This half term, the children will be representing numbers within 40 in multiple ways. We will also be practising adding and subtracting 1-digit and 2-digit numbers. We will be using a range of resources such as bead strings, Dienes and number lines. We will also be exploring measure through length, weight and volume. Children will be encouraged to describe, compare, and solve practical problems involving these measures. We will be using non-standard and standard to help us estimate and compare different objects.

How can you help at home?

- Calculation strategies within 20
- Time - telling the time to the hour and half past the hour

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What is important to Muslims.

Key Routines

Monday: Children are to change into their P.E. kits at school (white t-shirt, navy bottoms and plimsolls).

Thursday: Bring in completed homework

Friday: New homework goes out
Reading with parents: 8:55am to 9:15am

Key Dates

Thu 19th Jan - Great Fire of London Story-telling show

Fri 20th Jan - Be Bright, Stay in Sight Dress Up Day

W/B 30th Jan - National Story-telling Week

Fri 3rd Feb - Trip to the Natural History Museum

Tue 7th Feb - Safer Internet Day

Fri 10th Feb - 1 Redwood Class Assembly at 10.10am in the lower hall

Homework

Encourage your child to take pride in their work by keeping it neat and presentable.

Homework will be set every Friday and is expected to come back by the following Thursday

How you can help your child at home

Please read with your child every day and ask them questions related to the text. If you are unsure when your child is to bring their book bag please ask a member of staff.



Year 1

Redwood & Sycamore

Spring Term 2017

1st Half

Staff in Class

**Cariad Gurden & Liz Morpurgo
(Class Teachers)**

Jeya Irvine (Trainee Teacher)

**Carolina Franco & Jackie Webb
(Teaching Assistants)**

In International, we'll be finding out:

- About animals and plants from different countries
- Why we need to look after all living species

In Technology, we'll be finding out:

- How to make and design a bird feeder

Live and Let Live

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In Science, we'll be finding out:

- What animals and humans need to survive and grow
- How living and non-living things are different
- How humans and animals grow and change
- How to attract wildlife to our environment
- How to sort living things into groups