

Mansfield Primary Academy

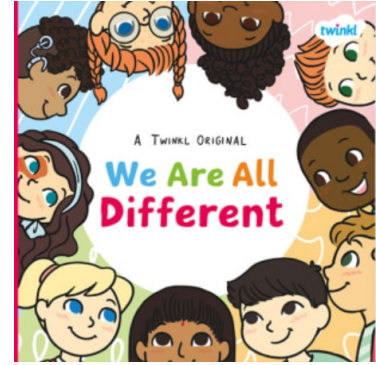
The Simbas Class Newsletter

Autumn Term 2019



This is me!

For our first term in year 1, we will be focusing on the topic, 'This is me!' This will be an exciting time for us to explore who we are, our community and how we can improve as learners. We will be using art to create imagery, colour and design, painting self portraits and adding to our class displays. In Science, we will be looking at healthy eating, the body and animals in our environment.



Special Visits

As part of our topic, we will be thinking about what makes us different. We will be looking at people with disabilities and will be visited by a guide dog and her owner.

We will also be looking at the different jobs in our community. If you are interested in coming to talk to our class about your job, please let us know!

Christmas!

We are in the process of planning a Christmas school trip this year, we will keep you updated with the details.



English

In English this term, we will be focusing on narrative (writing stories.) Our key story will be Elmer. We have learnt the story using actions and have used story maps to sequence the story. In the following weeks, we will be creating a new character for our story and writing our own version of Elmer.

Our reading will continue to be of importance this term, focusing on using our phonics to read key words and recognising the initial sounds in words.

Handwriting and presentation is a continued expectation from all children in class. We practise handwriting every day, focusing on our letter formation.



Spellings, Reading books and Homework

Homework will be focusing on Maths, English and Phonics and will also be handed out on a Friday but will need to be handed in by the following Wednesday for marking.

Reading books are changed and reading records checked every day, but must be handed in every morning when children come into class.

P.E Kits

PE will be on a **Monday and Friday**, so please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school on these days. However, PE could take place at any time, so it's easier if your child brings their PE kit in on a Monday and leaves it in school all week to take home Friday for washing, ready for the following week.

Maths Vocabulary

Counting, more, less, greater, fewer, counting, add, adding, zero, number bonds

Please help your child to learn the above vocabulary as it is essential they understand this.

Maths

In maths this term, we will be focusing on the following areas in maths:

- Counting to 10
- Ordering numbers to 10
- Counting objects
- More than and less than
- The number zero
- 1 more and 1 less
- Number bonds to 10
- Addition by counting on



Dates for your diary

3rd September - Back to school
13th September - School Photographs
15th & 16th October - Parent/Teacher Meetings
18th October - Last day of Autumn term 1
21st October to 1st November - Half term break
4th November - INSET DAY
5th November - Back to school
17th December - KS1 Christmas Party
18th December - Christmas Dinner
20th December - Last day of Autumn term 2
Break up for Christmas
7th January - Back to school

We look forward to working with you and your child this half term.

Miss Park and

Miss Hatton