

Odessa Infant School

Year 1 Newsletter

Welcome back to school after the Christmas and New Year break.

In this first newsletter of 2018, we would like to update you on your child's areas of learning for the term ahead, and give you some ideas for activities that will support this learning at home...



'The Bog Baby' and 'Snail and the Whale' are our main books for this half term.



Literacy...

 * In literacy, we will be looking at storybooks involving real *
 * and imaginary creatures. We will be writing about their habi- *
 * tats, writing letters, character descriptions, short stories and *
 * thought bubbles as well as exploring actions and *
 * consequences. *
 * Please take your child to the library, search the internet or *
 * look at factual books to find information about sea creatures *
 * and other animals they are interested in. Encourage your *
 * child to come and share their research with the class. *

Maths...

Please remember to bring in your child's PE kit in a bag (a T-shirt and shorts/ leggings). This can be kept in the classroom for your convenience.

Support your child with mental addition. Choose a 2-digit number and a number up to 10 (for example 13+6). Encourage your child to keep the larger number in their head and show the other number on their fingers. Count on from the larger number in their heads by counting each finger.

On your way home from school, encourage your child to look at door numbers and talk to them about how you can partition the number into tens and units.
 $26 = 20 + 6$



Science and topic work...

In Science, we will be looking at plants and the environment. We will be learning how plants grow and identifying the different parts of a plant. We will continue to learn about the seasons and how they affect plant life.

Support your child's understanding of history and the passing of time by telling family stories about events in your or your grandparents lives (or asking children to talk about their own life history). Use time language such as 'long ago', 'in the past', 'last year', or 'when I was young'.

In Art, we are exploring the works of famous artists and their different styles. Eg. Monet :landscape , Van Gogh and Picasso: portraits. The children will experiment with these styles to create their own artwork. Guide your children in checking out these art forms on the internet or visit an art gallery!

*** We will be sending out homework journals. Children will be getting weekly homework which will be practical and hands on activities to consolidate their learning. We hope children enjoy and get the best out of this experience. Please check book bags regularly and kindly fill out the journals. Feel free to ask the class teacher about the homework if you are unsure.***