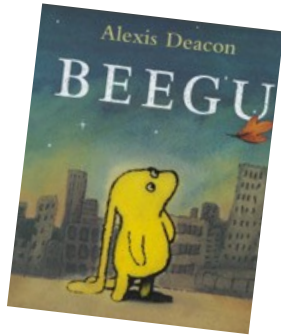


Odessa Infant School

Year 1 Newsletter

A warm welcome back to school to children and parents for the first summer 2018 half term. This newsletter will update you on your child's areas of learning for the rest of this term. As usual, we will also present more ideas for activities that will support this learning at home.



Our main books for this half term.

Literacy...

Year 1's literacy learning this term will be based on 'Beegu' and 'The Leopard's Drum'. Children will be exploring and enjoying imaginative stories and appreciating the different writing formats. They will explore rhyme, repetition and alliteration and use these features to support their own reading and writing. In the wonderful story of *Beegu*, there are many opportunities to explore emotions and feelings through role play and children will follow this by writing letters, speech bubbles and writing recounts from different perspectives.

Maths...

Play "What's the missing number?". With your child, count out a number of items (such as pasta or beans). Tell them to close their eyes while you take some away. Support your child to work out how many you took away, by counting on or using subtraction. We will be measuring in kg/ g, ml/ L, cm and m



Help your child learn about place value by writing down three or four numbers and asking how many two digit numbers they can make with them. For example, give them 3, 4, 5 and they make 34, 35, 43, 45, 53 and 54.

Science...

As Spring has arrived and the daylight gets longer, our Science learning will focus on Light. We will be exploring different sources of light and their level of brightness. Help your child to develop these observational skills by discussing the difference between some of these natural light sources and the man-made light sources. Making shadows by blocking the light sources is also a fun activity to play with your child. Allow your child to research about light and inventors who have contributed to the development of light based inventions that have enriched our lives.

Topic work...

Art
In Art we will focus on the work of artist Any Goldsworthy. We will be making arrangements and collage in his style paying close attention to lines and patterns to create design.



History
In our history subject we will be looking at famous people and why they are famous. We will be learning about the Apollo 11 mission and the three astronauts who were on that trip to the moon. We will be finding out about the Life of Ludwig van Beethoven and listening to his 5th and 9th symphonies. We will be research Thomas Edison and his contribution to modern life.

One of the most valuable ways you can support your child's learning is to spend time reading the books that they bring home in their book folders. Remember that having a conversation with your child is very beneficial to your child's language development eg. Talk about the stories and the characters. Also, look out for the homework journals which come home on Fridays. They will have suggestions for learning activities that children can enjoy with you at home.