

# WALPOLE CROSS KEYS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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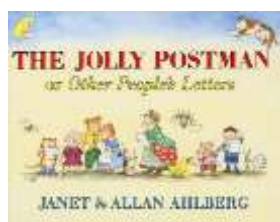
## Key Stage 1 Curriculum Newsletter

Welcome back! I hope you have all had a fun and exciting Christmas break and are ready to begin a new term.

### Our Themes

This term we will be starting off with the theme of 'Posting and Places'. The children will be developing an understanding of how to send and receive letters. We will be looking closely at a variety of countries around the world and within the UK. The children will be learning the names of the 7 continents and 5 oceans and how to locate them on a world map. After half term we will be exploring the topic 'The Great Fire of London'. The children will have the opportunity to explore what happened, when events occurred and why they happened. This will include looking at a range of sources such as photographs, diary entries and reports.

### English



During our English sessions this half term we will be using the story of 'The Jolly Postman; or other people's letters' by Janet and Allan Ahlberg. We will be reading the story aloud and discussing the main characters, setting and themes in the book through shared writing and drama. We will also be writing our own letters to and from the characters throughout the story.

After half term we will be looking at a range of non-fiction texts and stories about The Great Fire of London. We will continue to develop our sentence structure and grammar, including full stops and capitals letters, as well as using other types of punctuation such as question marks and exclamation marks in our writing. In Phonics we shall be building on our previous learning as well as learning new sounds using our Phonics bug program.



### Maths



This term we shall work on our understanding of shape, fractions and money. We will also be looking at ways to solve problems with measurements such as mass, weight and capacity. As a class we will also be developing our skills in counting in 2's, 5's and 10's and continuing to practise adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing in our daily arithmetic lessons.

### Science

In Science this half term the children will be exploring a variety of animals including where they live, what they eat and what they need in order to survive in their different habitats. After half term we will be learning about how to use our five senses to explore the world around us.

## Home Learning

Home Learning activities will be set at the beginning of each half term. The children will be given a choice of six activities to choose from. Their completed work will be shared with the class and celebrated at the end of every half term. In addition, spellings, reading activities and maths homework will also be sent home on a weekly basis.



## Reading Books



We should have our reading books and records in school every day and should read at home as often as we can. This can be either alone in a quiet place, or to an adult – either way we must make sure we have written down the number of pages read and the date in our Reading Records. Your child will also be given a set of word cards to practice recognising sounds and reading words at home. Please make sure that these are brought into school every day.

## PE

It is important to make sure that we have PE kits in school throughout the week. Children will need shorts, a t-shirt or a tracksuit (for those colder outdoor sessions), trainers and plimsolls.

PE will continue with Sam Loomes on a **Wednesday afternoon**. Sam uses the curriculum to create a fun program that challenges different skills and abilities.

## Library Books

We will continue to change your child's library book every Monday afternoon. Please make sure that all library books are returned **every Monday** so that your child can choose another one to share with you at home.

If there are any questions or concerns about your child's learning and progress do not hesitate to come and ask.

Thank you for your continued support.

**Miss Calaby**