

Walmer Castle Class Newsletter

November 2018

Welcome back, we hope you had a busy and fun half term. This term our topic will be Antarctica. We will be learning about the animals that live there, the climate and what life would be like there. This week we will be sending home some home learning tasks for you and your child to do together.

During the final 2 weeks of term we will be learning about the Christmas Story, Christmas traditions and making cards and decorations. To help develop your child's independence, please can you encourage your child to leave you at the gate in the morning.



Numeracy

This term, in mental maths we will be working on:

- Number recognition 1-20
- Quick recall of number facts, such as number bonds to 10
- Counting in 1s, 2s, 5s and 10s
- Mental addition and subtraction.
- Ordering numbers.

During Numeracy lessons we will be learning :

- About place value
- To count and order numbers
- To add and subtract
- To use money
- To measure length, weight and capacity

We will be encouraging children to apply what they have learnt through daily problem solving tasks.

Reading at Home

It would be great if you could aim to hear your child read at least 3 times a week. We really value your comments about how your child reads at home so please could you write the date and a brief comment, in the reading record book, each time you read with your child. Every Wednesday evening we have a reading challenge, please fill in the bookmark in your child's reading record book.



COATS AND WELLIES

As the weather gets colder and wetter please could you ensure your child has a coat and wellies in school EVERY day as we try to get out whatever the weather!



Role Play Area

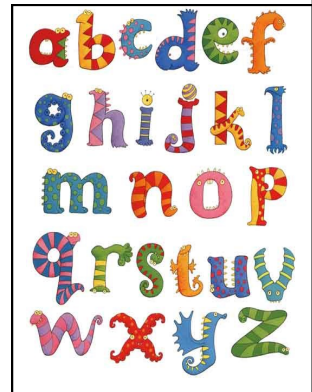
We want to set up our outside role play area as Scott's Antarctica expedition hut
If you have any unwanted coats, ski wear, a sledge, gloves, scarfs or blankets and cardboard boxes to paint as icebergs.

Literacy

We will be looking at a range of fiction and non-fiction texts linked to our project and we will be using these as starting points for our writing.

Over the next term in our writing we will be concentrating on:

- Reading and discussing stories
- Report writing
- Sequencing
- Story writing
- Writing recounts
- Labelling



In daily Sounds-Write sessions some children will be:

- Learning to segment and blend sounds in 3 sound words.
- Learning to read and spell multi-syllable words
- Some children will be working within the Extended

Code. This is the part of Sounds Write which addresses the more complex spellings of different sounds.

WATER BOTTLES

Please make sure your child has a *named* water bottle in school every day.

The children often have their bottles with them as they work so please could the bottle have a sports lid to avoid spillages!

Remember, water only, no squash or flavoured water please.



Diary dates:

6th November- Bag to school
Collection

16th November-Children in need (more
details to follow)

22nd November-Walmer Class
Assembly

30th November PTFA Christmas Fair
4-6 p.m.

3rd December-Progress meeting with
class teacher 2.30-6.30

12th December -Theatre Trip to the
Gulbenkin

14th December- Nativity 1.00 p.m.

18th December-Christmas Dinner,
Class Party and end of term assembly

19th December-End Of Term

PE Kits

As always PE kits need to be in school—a pair of dark jogging bottoms are good for the colder weather.

Wellies

Children are encouraged to keep a pair of named wellies in school. Speak to us for further information.