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Year 1 Green Class News

Autumn 2018

Welcome back to school and I hope that everyone has had a wonderful summer. We have an exciting autumn term planned ahead based on Percy the Park Keeper. We will be exploring the outdoors and our local area to identify different trees and the changes to the environment throughout the term. We will then use the autumn leaves to design and create bowls, different types of artwork and collect apples to bake apple crumble. We will also be looking at woodland animals and their senses compared to ours, their bodies compared to ours and how we have changed.

In addition, we shall learn all about the Great Fire of London, looking at how buildings have changed, how people lived then compared to now, the events which led up to the fire, how we know about the Great Fire, what happened after the fire, learning the song and baking bread.

After half term we will learn about the Gunpowder plot, why we celebrate bonfire night and the story behind the plotters using art and poetry to inspire us. We will also be looking at staying safe using the internet and making posters to help us remember. We will finish the term comparing Christmas around world with lots of arts, crafts, designing, making, and singing Christmas activities.

In the past, home learning has been a creative challenge which could be picked from a variety of activities. We will still provide these suggestions, however they will be given as extra if you have the time or a quiet day at home is required.

For home leaning, we would like to focus on the basics which will allow the children to build routine into the week and hopefully give family quality time for the weekends.

Reading

I expect every child to read daily to an adult for ten minutes a day. Our responsibility at school is to teach your child how to read, infer and comprehend but we will need the children to practise these skills at home. For this purpose we endeavour to change your child's book daily for them to read to you. On occasions, your child may have the same book twice, this is to help the children to re-read stories and enable them to become fluent readers. Once a week, we will also send home a reading for pleasure book which your child will choose from the library. This book is for you to read to them and discuss what they like, enjoy and understand about the story.

Maths

We will be sending home small practical activities for your child to practise at home. This could be from counting how many steps they take from the kitchen to their bedroom, activities whilst playing in the bath, identifying shapes in the environment or a maths game to play on the computer.

Some craft ideas.

Go for an autumn walk looking for different shapes, colours and woodland animals. Perhaps pick and try some blackberries if you are lucky.	Make a collage from autumn leaves, you may have to press them first.	Create a fireworks picture using different art material.	Make a model of a house (from a shoe box perhaps) of a house at the time of the Great Fire of London.
Draw and label a picture of Percy the Park Keeper and his animal friends.	Find and count how many different acorns, conkers and beech nuts you find.	Visit a fireworks display and talk about what senses are you using?	Build a town out of blocks and think how you would prevent a fire from spreading from one of the houses.