

Blue Class Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,
Welcome to an action packed term 1!



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Our topic this term is 'Extreme Environments.' In this fascinating topic, the children will learn how volcanoes, earthquakes and mountains are formed. We will be exploring what fossils and rocks are and looking at how the environment can change over time. The children will learn about the earth and how it is made and where the volcanoes are around the world. We will be visiting the Warren towards the end of the term.

English

In English this term we will be looking at the text *Stone Girl Bone Girl* in order to improve our writing skills and performing. We will be making links with our topic and creating our own version of the story. We will then begin our non-fiction unit by looking at recounts and using our trip as a hook!

Term 1 Spelling Bee words:

learn	early	earth	
appear	heard	heart	
circle	notice	question	answer

Maths

To begin the term, the children will be developing their understanding of Place Value. We will be finding 10 or 100 more than or less than a given number and recognising the place value of each digit in a 3-digit number. We will also be learning about 2D and 3D shapes. Throughout this term, the children will be improving their recall of times table facts for the 3, 4 and 8 times tables.

PE

The children will be learning gymnastics skills. We will be learning to roll, balance and to sequence a variety of moves.



Our PE lessons will be on Thursday afternoons. Please ensure that your child's PE kit is always in school and they have the appropriate kit for both indoor and outdoor PE. Children also need to make sure they are not wearing earrings.

Homework and Reading

The children will be set termly homework on the first Wednesday of each term. One piece of homework of the child's choice is to be returned on Mondays. We expect each child to take responsibility for doing their own homework and



encourage all parents to help your child to become independent in doing so.

We are expecting your child to read every night at home.

It is the single most important thing you can do give them the best start. Every time they read at home counts!

We are sure that this is going to be a really exciting and interesting term for the children. As always, please come and speak to us if you have any concerns about your child.

Miss Ridge and Mrs Cockings