

## Year 1 - Reading / Phonics

Throughout each week this term, all the children will have lots of opportunities to work on and continue to develop their reading skills. Most days we will have a Reading Skills session and on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings we will also have Read Write Inc sessions where the children will continue to develop their reading and writing skills.

All children will also have regular opportunities to read for pleasure throughout the week during Reading Skills sessions in the afternoons.

We will be working hard on Phonics throughout the whole of this school year to ensure that your child is ready when they need to take the Year 1 Phonics Screen in June of next year.



Spellings will shortly be given out on a weekly basis to your child and they will be tested on them every Monday morning during their Read Write Inc session. Please support your child with these at home by practising them on a regular basis.

Homework will be given out every Friday for your child to complete and return the following week. The homework will alternate between Maths and English tasks.

Please can you support your child with their reading - listen to them at least 4 times a week - as stated in the school policy - and record this in their reading diaries.

YEAR 1 NEWSLETTER

Madagascar

Class Teacher  
Mrs Halden



**MADAGASCAR**

Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

We hope that you all had a restful but fun 6 weeks' holiday. We welcome you and your child/children back to Whaplode C of E Primary School.

This half term our topic will be Madagascar and you can find more information about our curriculum in this newsletter.

Throughout the term you can also see what the children do whilst in school on the school website by looking on our class page.

We were excited to see the children's homework projects and will look forward to displaying them in the school hall and our classroom for everyone to see and enjoy. Thank you for supporting your child with these projects.

Our class routines for reading, spellings and homework are outlined in this newsletter, but if you have any further questions please do not hesitate to ask.

We hope that the children are all ready to work as hard as they did last year so that they can keep progressing and achieving to the best of their ability.

**Mrs Halden**

## OUR CURRICULUM THIS TERM

### Madagascar

In English, the children will participate in Read Write Inc phonics sessions three times a week, to develop and work upon their reading, writing and phonics knowledge. We will also have regular Reading Skills sessions which will take place during the afternoons. In our cross-curricular work, we will be watching Madagascar, reading and discussing a variety of texts and learning how to punctuate our writing accurately. We will also be writing our own non-chronological reports about animals.

In Maths, we will be developing our number work by practicing accurate counting forwards and backwards up to 20, counting in 2s and finding one more and one less. We will also be looking at addition and subtraction and using the correct vocabulary when using these types of calculations. During space, shape and measure we will look at 2d shapes and using a ruler to measure length accurately.

In Science, we will be looking at a variety of common animals and learning how to group them correctly. We will also be looking at the different features of animals, naming and labelling them.

In Geography we will identify seasonal and daily weather patterns in the UK, Madagascar and the Antarctic, discussing what is the same and different between the 3 places. We will also look at the physical and human features of Madagascar but also identifying if the same features are within our local and surrounding area.

In Art lessons we will be mastering different techniques, using and applying colours, mixing them to create tones and tints but also looking at the artwork of Henri Rousseau.

PE lessons will be on a **Monday** afternoon and a **Thursday** morning. Please ensure all earrings are removed prior to this and **ALL** clothing is labelled with your child's name.

RE this term will be all about "The Good Earth - Giving Thanks"