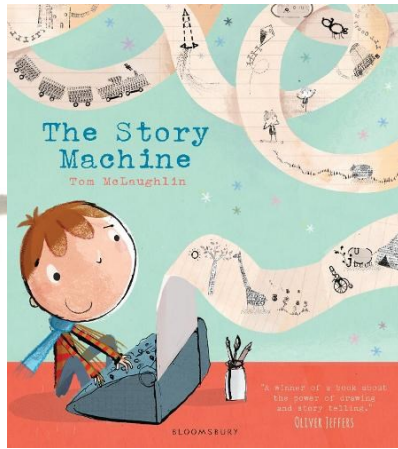


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Q Pootle 5

KS1 Newsletter



January 2024

Welcome to the start of an exciting new year!

We hope you all had a really enjoyable Christmas break and had lots of fun spending quality time together. In Years 1 and 2 we are really looking forward to a busy term ahead. Read on to find out...

Mathematics

In Mathematics we will be furthering our learning about place value. We will then use these skills to support our multiplication and division learning. After half term we will be learning about fractions and position & direction. We will end the term by developing our understanding of addition and subtraction.

Take-Away Task

For our learning during the first half term we will be learning about space. We would like you to look at the night sky with your child and talk about what you can see. Are there any planets, shooting stars or satellites? You could download a star gazing app like Star View Lite to identify constellations. We would then like your child to come to school prepared to talk about what they saw.

Due Friday 23rd February 2024

Ways to support at home

Please continue to read with your child every day. We will carry on tracking how often your child reads at home on their star chart and will reward them for every 50 reads!

As part of our phonics scheme of learning, children are primarily taught their reading skills through reading lessons four times a week where they will work closely with the teacher as well as reading as part of a group.

If you would like to support your child in mathematics, here are some useful websites to try:

Top Marks BBC Bitesize ICT Games

Don't forget to check out the Learning Zone on the school website:

[Nyewood CE Infants School - Home \(nyewoodinf.co.uk\)](http://nyewoodinf.co.uk)

RSHE

This term we are going to focus on courtesy and respect. We will be linking these to our school values of Kindness, Independence, Communication and Uniqueness.

Class blogs

A reminder that you can see what each class have been up to by visiting the school website and selecting your child's class page. On the class page there is a blog section that is updated weekly.

Out of this World

During this term there will be a focus on space. We will look at this through the text 'QPootle 5'. In the book, an alien lands on Earth and cannot get back to the moon because his space ship has broken. We will become reporters and use this book to write newspaper reports about the incident. We will learn key skills including capital letters, full stops, question marks and apostrophes. In History we will be learning about Neil Armstrong and the moon landing.

For our Fantastic Finish, on **Thursday 8th February**, we will have a special visit from Wonderdome! They will bring a pop-up planetarium to help us explore space! Please see the separate letter for more information about this day.

We Are Writers

After half term we will become authors and write our own versions of the book 'The Story Machine'. We will apply our writing skills to make a change in the story and we will then share these with our grown-ups (dates to follow).

On **Monday 26th February** we will be visited by a local author and illustrator– Hope Bullen. She is going to share her wonderful story (We are sunshine, rainbows and all the in-betweens) and inspire us to be authors of our own stories.

[A Little Bit Of Hope – Children's Picture Book Illustrator & Author \(albohope.co.uk\)](http://albohope.co.uk)

Reminders

On PE days, children should arrive at school in their Nyewood PE kit. Please ensure that earrings are taped or removed and long hair is tied up.

Please can you also make sure your child has a water bottle everyday. We try to get the children out in the fresh air whatever the weather. Please ensure your child has a coat every day.