



# Bulmer Class Newsletter



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## What's cooking Topic

As advised in the whole school newsletter, this half term's topic is entitled 'What's Cooking?'. In Bulmer Class we will be looking at where our food comes from and will be focussing particularly on grains. We will also be focussing on food in our art lessons, examining famous still life paintings and drawings of food and then carrying out our own still life drawings of foods and also looking at the work of Giuseppe Arcimboldo. Our DT will involve making maracas using grains and composing music using them. We hope to arrange a school trip to a local farm in the next few weeks - more news to follow.

In addition to food, our science sessions will be covering the classification of different animals; with a study of each animal group being undertaken each week.

Although we do not set formal homework relating to our topic, we encourage the children to undertake their own research on the topic at home and to bring in things they have found out for us to share with the rest of the class.

## Literacy / Maths

In our Literacy lessons this half term we will be looking at the fantasy stories and in particular the book *Where the Wild Things Are*. We will also be looking at instructional writing and poetry about feelings. The Year 1 children will be continuing to focus on the use of capital letters, leaving finger spaces between words, the conjunction 'and', punctuation (full stops, exclamation and question marks) and we will be practising our cursive writing. Reception children will continue with their phonics lessons, including the correct formation of graphemes (letters) and will start working on using their phonics knowledge to start writing sentences. Please do not forget that both Year 1 children and Reception children are able to use the Phonics Play programme on the internet to help them consolidate their learning of phonics.

Spellings will continue to be set each week for the Year 1 children - with the results of their tests and details of any words they got incorrect being put in their book each week.

Reading - from this week, we now have two volunteers: Mrs Hill and Ms Pickering who are going to listen to the children read on a Monday and Wednesday afternoons. Please remind the children that if they wish to change their reading books, they should put them in the tray in the cloakroom at the start of the day.

In Maths we will be looking at number and place value, addition, money and measures and shapes. A brief reminder that all Bulmer Class children have a login and password to the Mathletics programme which they are encouraged to use to consolidate the learning that is taking place in the classroom. The children have been shown how to use this, however should you have any questions or queries, please let me know. When they achieve a certificate on this (and any other certificates), the children are encouraged to bring it in on a Friday to share their success with the rest of the school during Star of the Week assembly.

### **Plea for junk**

As you will know, the children really enjoy junk modelling and we would be grateful for any donations of boxes, long cardboard tubes, milk bottle lids etc. to keep our junk modelling supplies going. This half term we would particularly welcome donations of empty yoghurt pots for our DT project.

### **Miscellaneous**

Details will soon be coming out about our next parents evening. This term this will take place over two afternoons / evenings. More details to follow.

### **Photos**



Where the Wild Things are puppet show



We acted out our story



We made maps of our story



We practised 10 more and 10 less using games on the laptops

Please do not hesitate to come and see me should you have any questions or queries.

Mrs Holdsworth