

Welcome back to Sherington Primary School
Autumn Term

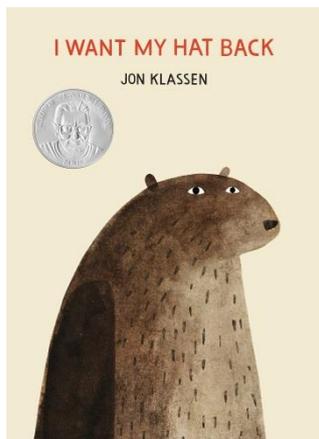
We are 1Y and 1F!

First we'd like to introduce the Year 1 teaching team. 1Y will be taught by Miss Yohai Slattery and she will be assisted by Miss Smith. 1F will be taught by Miss Farley and she will be assisted by Ms Mohammed. We are really looking forward to getting to know your children this term.



Here are some of the things your child will be learning:

English:



Writing:

In the first half term our text focus will be 'I Want My Hat Back' by Jon Klassen. The children will learn to retell the story and invent their own versions. We will also explore non-fiction writing in relation to this story. During the second half term we will be focusing on traditional tales such as 'The Three Little Pigs'. The children will be learning about sentence demarcation and how to use the five finger rule effectively. This means that each time they write a sentence they remember to say the sentence out loud (1), use a capital letter (2),

include a finger space between each word (3), end their sentence with a full stop (4) and read their sentence (5).

Reading:

Guided Reading sessions will take place each day and the children will be reading 1:1 with their teacher, reading as part of a group as well as independently during these sessions. These initial sessions will focus on helping the children use their phonetic knowledge to decode unknown words. They will also be able to foster their love of books by spending time in the Reading Corner and Role Play Area. Children will have daily phonics lessons following the Letters and Sounds programme. There are numerous online games to support your child's phonics knowledge and we encourage you to use them with your children at home. Here are some we would recommend:

<http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

<http://www.letters-and-sounds.com/>

Maths:

Sherington has adopted the Maths No Problem scheme for the teaching of mathematics. This incorporates the Singapore Barr method and every child has their own workbook. It focuses on mastery of each topic, which means that your child will be encouraged to have a deeper understanding of each concept before moving on. The scheme work towards the National Curriculum end-of-year expectations and offers ways for children to enrich their understanding further. It is a visual way of teaching maths and children will take part in lots of practical activities and use a range of manipulatives, such as unifix cubes and dienes. This term we will cover number and place value, addition and subtraction up to 10, number bonds to 10 and reading and writing numbers in words. We will also be moving on to addition and subtraction up to 20,

positions, shapes and patterns, during the latter part of the term.



Science:

Our topic this term is 'Animals' and will involve identifying and classifying different animal groups. Children will be comparing the structure of a variety of common animals including: birds, fish, amphibians, reptiles and mammals. We will also be studying humans and children will learn to label different parts of the body. We will also be looking at the work of various scientists such as Carl Linnaeus and Amy Vedder. We encourage you to research these scientists with your children at home as this will help to enhance their enthusiasm for the subject.

Additionally, the children will be learning about Seasonal Change throughout the year. This term, we will be focusing on changes during the Autumn.

RE:

Festivals and Christianity:

During the first half term we will be focussing on religious celebrations. If you would like to come and share your knowledge with the class you would be very welcome. Children will also be able to share with the class the different celebrations that they have participated in. During the second half of the term we will look at Christianity, specifically the Christmas Story.

Design Technology:

Toys: Children will have the opportunity to design and make their own toys inspired by the Victorian Period. We will be using our fine motor skills in order to sew, glue, cut etc.

Computing:

The children have the opportunity to use the facilities in the computing suite as well as technology in the classroom. They will be developing their fine motor skills as they learn to navigate software using a mouse and keyboard. The children will also begin to understand how to open and save different types of software.

PE:

We will be beginning Outdoor PE lessons this term where children will be able to develop different ball skills. They will also participate in Indoor PE sessions based around Dance and Gymnastics.

A note about PE:

PE lessons take place on Tuesdays and Fridays each week. Children must bring PE kits in and leave them in school for the half term.

Humanities:

This term our humanities topic is 'Toys' and much of our learning will be centred around this. We will be comparing toys from the past and looking at the materials that were used to make them. We invite children to bring in their favourite toy in order to discuss the differences between old and new. Children are encouraged to talk to their families about the toys and games they played as children.

Art:

In our art lessons this term, the children will be learning to print with a range of hard and soft materials e.g. corks, pen barrels, sponge. They will use these skills to create a piece of art inspired by the pop artist Andy Warhol.

Music:

Children will have specialist music lessons taught by Clare Portman in addition to participating in weekly

singing assemblies. They will learn how to identify a steady beat, use actions and instruments to keep a steady beat and change the tempo.

How can you help at home?

We encourage you to share any knowledge you may have on our topics with your child. Help your child to discover what he or she already knows about the above areas and encourage them to look for books and videos about the topic at the library.

Check, empty and read the contents of their book bag **every day** for newsletters, notes, creative work and books.

We are looking forward to a successful partnership in which your child will flourish. Any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us via the school office.

Miss Yohai Slattery and Miss Farley