



Sherington Primary School Autumn Term

We are IP and IG

It has been a pleasure to welcome your children back to school at the start of this term. They have settled into their new classes with zest, hope and a love of learning. We are really looking forward to getting to know your children this term.

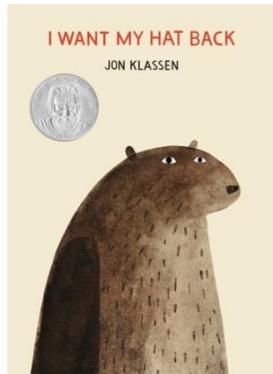
Year 1 Teaching Team:

IG will be taught by Miss Gammon, assisted by Miss Mohammed.

IP will be taught by Miss Peterson, assisted by Miss Mason.

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

English:

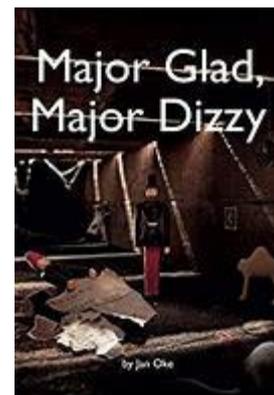


Writing:

This term the children will explore the texts, 'I Want My Hat Back' by Jon Klassen and 'Major Glad, Major Dizzy' by Jan Oke. These texts will be used to explore various writing genres, focusing on 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/check their sentence (5).

Reading:

Guided reading sessions will take place each day and the children will be reading with their teacher, reading as part of a group and independently during these sessions. These initial sessions will focus on helping the children use their phonetic knowledge to decode unknown words and reading High Frequency Words. As well as



listening to a daily read aloud, they will also be able to foster their love of reading by spending time in the book corner. Children will have daily phonics lessons, following the Letters and Sounds programme. As well as reading daily, there are numerous online games to support your child's phonic knowledge that could be played at home. Here are some we would recommend:

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

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

[Phonics Games for the Classroom and Home - Phonics Bloom](#)

Maths:

Sherington follow the Maths No Problem scheme for the teaching of mathematics. Maths No Problem incorporates the Singapore Barr method and every child has their own book to work from in lessons. It focuses on mastery of each topic, which means that children will be encouraged to have a deeper understanding of each concept before moving on. The programme works 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 including humans' 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.

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

RE:

Celebrations and Christianity:

During the first half term we will be focussing on different religious celebrations. 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:

Children will have the opportunity to use a range of materials to design and make their own creation. Throughout our design technology, we will be using their creative design skills to develop and share their ideas and imagination. This term, children will be making puppets based on our English curriculum.

Computing:

The children have the opportunity to use the facilities in the computing suite. 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 using 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. PE lessons will be taught alongside our coach, Mr Flynn.

A note about PE:

PE lessons take place on Tuesday and Wednesday each week. Children should have a full, named PE kit in school (including plimsolls or trainers) and leave them in school for the half term.

Humanities:

This term our humanities topic is 'Toys'. We will be comparing toys from the past to present day. 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 create their own collages using a range of found natural objects, such as leaves, conkers or stones. They will develop their skills through observational drawings, experimenting with colour, shape and texture. They will create a final piece of work inspired by the sculptor Andy Goldsworthy.

Music:

Children will have weekly music lessons every Monday afternoon. This term they will focus on learning 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. You can discuss what they already know about the learning, discuss and explore new vocabulary and encourage them to search for new information in books or other source about the topic. Children will soon be bringing home a reading book along with reading journals for parents to record comments. We expect children to read at home every day.

Please check contents of their book bag frequently for newsletters, notes and books.

We are looking forward to working with you and your children. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to talk to a member of the teaching team.

Miss Peterson and Miss Gammon