

Dear Key Stage 1 Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to a new year; I hope everyone had a lovely Summer break!!

This term the whole school theme is 'A Secret'....not that we are keeping it to ourselves but the theme is called that!

In key stage 1 we will be using 2 main topics to go with the theme 'A Secret'. Our main Topic for the first half term will be 'The Great War' and in geography we will be looking at the countries involved, where those countries are and where the main battlefields were. In art we will be focusing on printing and using the image of the poppy to create compositions. Literacy lessons will not start with the Great War but instead we will start things off with 3 weeks learning around the fairy tale with a secret, 'Rumpelstiltskin'. This will be followed by the story of 'The Little Red Hen and the Great War' and will take us up to half term.

After half term we switch our attention to the life and secret goings on of Guy Fawkes. We will focus on his life, the life of the time and the famous 'gunpowder plot'. In art we will be creating firework compositions to with the topic.

Science topic for the term will be 'Animals including Humans' and will cover animals and their offspring, the basic needs for animals including humans and the importance of exercise, diet and hygiene.

Computing will focus on E-safety and building up the pupils digital literacy skills.

In Religious Education the children will be exploring the questions; 'What makes some places sacred to believers?' and 'Why does Christmas matter to Christians?'

In Maths we will start the year by focusing on counting, number bonds, comparing numbers, place value and partitioning.

If there is anything you want to know or you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask.

Many thanks,

Mr Lightowler , Mrs Laverack, Mrs Williams and the rest of the KS1 Team