

Christ the King

Year 1 Spring 1 2021 Newsletter

Learning together in faith hope and love

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you all had a lovely Christmas holiday.

Our Topic this term is called 'African Adventure.' In this topic we will be learning all about a village in Zambia called Mugurameno. We will be using Google Maps to zoom in on the village and will be comparing it to Bournemouth. The children will be finding out about the similarities and differences between the two places. The children will also have the opportunity to take part in some African crafts during 'Let's Explore.' These crafts will include designing and making Masai necklaces, African shakers and African masks. We will also be finding out about our own houses compared to those in Mugurameno.

In the second part of our half term, our topic will be 'Around the World.' During this topic we will be looking at stories from different cultures and will be learning and retelling these. In Music, the children will be experimenting with longer and shorter sounds.

Please continue to check DoJos for important updates.

With warm wishes,

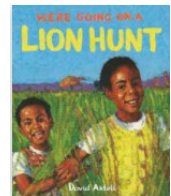
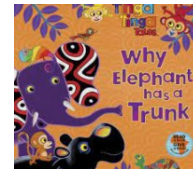
Mrs Luford (1L Robins), Miss Warr (1W Swans) & The Year 1 Team

Key Information:

- > The days for our **PE lessons** are **Wednesdays and Fridays**

Shortly, the children will be changing into their PE kits at school but please wait for further guidance and dates. Until then, please can your child arrive to school in their **PE kit** on the days above.

- > Please can **ALL** school uniform be clearly named.
- > As the weather is a lot colder now, please ensure your child has a **coat EVERY** day. We encourage that the children wear a vest for extra warmth under their school t-shirt.
- > Please prevent any toys from home coming into school so they don't get lost!



Important Dates

Half Term- Mon 21st Feb- Fri 25th Feb

INSET day- Mon 28th Feb

Home Learning:

IXL: We will be setting tasks on IXL on a weekly basis. Please complete these with your child. We are giving DoJo's for children who do IXL.

READING: Please continue to read with your child every day and practise recognising the RWI sounds your child is learning.

SPELLINGS: This week we sent home this half term's Spelling Book. Please follow the guide in the booklet. Spelling tests will usually be on a Friday each week.

WRITING: In the Spelling Book we sent home, the RWI sounds are listed. Please practise saying and writing these as well as write words and simple sentences.

Please check your child's latest targets we sent out before half term for ideas.

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Communication:

- > **A DoJo account** - Please check DoJos regularly as this is our main form of communication.
- > **Tapestry**— We will use Tapestry for communication purposes such as the weekly blog so please ensure you can access your account. These will be the same login details as last year. Please let us know urgently if you do not have a Tapestry account so we can set one up for you.
- > **Website**—Please regularly check our Year 1 Class page on the website for key dates and important information.
- > **Notice Board**—We will also put key messages on the board outside our classrooms.
- > **Whole School Newsletters**—Please check for the weekly school newsletter via email. This will include important updates.