# OLOTR: Year 2 – Spider Monkeys Class Newsletter January 2023



## WELCOME BACK





Hope you've all had a wonderful Christmas! It's been lovely seeing everyone return to the classroom in the new year with smiling faces and an eagerness to learn. Please remember to check in on Class Dojo to see a snapshot of the learning that takes place in class each week.





#### Things to remember

P.E – PE is every Monday! Please keep your full PE kit in school until the February halfterm holiday.

Reading – Bring your reading book and reading record every day. Try and read every night but remember to get your book signed at home to earn a raffle ticket.

February half term holiday Monday 20<sup>th</sup> – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

School re-opens Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2023. Easter holidays Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

School re-opens Monday 17th April 2023.

## OUR CURRICULUM

Over this Spring term, we will be learning lots of new things! In English, we are currently learning to write a character description, and will move onto writing a set of instructions, a short adventure story and a letter. In maths, we are learning to find a fraction of a number and of a shape, as well as multiplication and division. We will be learning the names and describe the properties of 2d and 3d shapes. In RE, we are learning about the books found in church and we will also be finding out about Islam and how Muslims prepare for prayer. In science, we are learning about animals and humans and will look at the importance of healthy diets and lifestyles. We are continuing our history topic on the Great Fire of London and looking forward to a visit to Peterlee Fire Station and Taylor's Bakery to compare 1666 to now.

We are really enjoying our DT topic, where we are learning the skills to make a patchwork bunting.

### **LET'S CELEBRATE!**

We will be continuing with our weekly reading raffle which is drawn every Friday. All you need to do is listen to your child read at home, record a comment in the reading diary and return the books to school. We have some great book prizes up for grabs!

It has been great to see the number of children who have continued to access Times Tables Rock Stars at home. I can really see the progress in their everyday maths work! Well done to Coleton for earning the most coins since September! Coleton has earned a whopping 50,728 coins!





We have £15 in our class piggy bank so far for attendance. Let's see if we can win even more money this term. We can only win this if we have the best attendance that week. We can do it!



Good attendance It just makes pence!



