

Year One Newsletter

February 2015

We hope that you all had a happy half-term holiday. We are looking forward to lots more exciting things as we complete the Spring Term and approach Easter. 1Y will be leading the worship during the Easter Service at Church on Thursday 26th March. There will be a Danceathon on Friday 13th March and there will be trips and workshops too!

Our Educational Visit this year is to Mount Pleasant School Farm. Each class will spend a morning at the farm learning about the animals.

Dates for each class are as follows:

1Y Monday 16th March

1R Wednesday 18th March

1B Thursday 19th March



In the final week of term you are invited to our Farm Workshops. They will start at 1.30 and finish at the end of the school day.

The workshops will be held on:

Monday 23rd March for 1R

Tuesday 24th March for 1Y

Thursday 26th March for 1B



Each class will be having some 'Living Eggs' in the classroom for 10 days. It will be a great learning experience for the children as they will be able to watch the baby chicks hatch from the eggs and then care for them in the classroom. Hopefully it will be a truly memorable experience for all concerned!

In P.E. with Chris Coley, we will be learning the necessary skills and rules to play invasion games. We will also be developing our gymnastic abilities. Wednesday and Thursday continue to be our P.E. days.

The children have really enjoyed the after school dance and sports clubs so far. Please do not forget that there will be no clubs on Tuesday 3rd, Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th March.

Curriculum Focus

As part of our farm learning focus in English, we will be making our own non-fiction texts about chickens, writing poems about farm animals and we will be using the DVD "Farmer Duck" as a stimulus for writing postcards.

In Mathematics, we will be extending our addition and subtraction skills. Our learning will also include measuring length, weight and capacity and telling the time to the hour and half-hour.

Our trip to the farm will support our Science learning this term. As part of our unit of work on "Animals" we will be closely observing the development of the chicks and learning about the life cycle of a chicken. In Music, we will be learning about beat, rhythm and duration. In Art & Design, we will be drawing farm animals to help us develop our use of colour, texture, line and shape. In Design Technology we will be finding out about where food comes from before designing and making a healthy sandwich.

Phew! What a lot of learning!