

# Year 1 Newsletter

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2017

As Remembrance Day was over the weekend, the children have been completing activities based on this. These activities have included: writing poppy poetry, creating paper poppies and describing pictures of our Soldiers who fought in the war.

In English, we have discussed the use of rhyme and rhythm in poetry. Children created a mind map of different words that rhyme such as cat and bat, rug and mug, frog and log. From this we looked at winter poetry and used our knowledge to create our own shape and acrostic poetry. We have focused on using similes to compare winter to something else. For example winter is like ice. We used our poetry skills to create an acrostic poem for Remembrance Day.

In Maths, we have used tens and ones to represent numbers up to 100. We have explored how many tens and ones are in different numbers and used our knowledge to recognise numbers.

In Topic this week, we have been learning about the country France. We have talked about famous landmarks and compared these with the monuments in the UK. As a comparison, we have compared two pictures of the school discussing the differences and similarities of now and when it was built.

## How can you help at home?

Please continue to read with your child at home. When reading, please focus on all individual sounds, obviously tricky words are not decodable so your child should be able to recognise these as a whole word. If they struggle with tricky words such as the, they and there, please let your class teacher know either through the reading record or through the contact book.

## Home Learning this week is:

**Spellings will be weekly, this week's spellings are:**

**Miss Barlow's group: she, they, me, be, we**

**Mrs. West's group: push, school, our, love, said**

**Miss Austin's group: father, money, most, only, pretty**

**Maths Challenge:** Using the tens and ones frames, create the numbers.

## Please remember

P.E will be on a Tuesday morning for both classes and on Thursday for Enterprise and Friday for Jubilee.

We will be starting to learn our Christmas performance songs during the afternoons. Remember lines to be learnt asap.

## Other dates for your diary:

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November – Inset day

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December – Christmas Fayre and Christmas performance ticket deadline.

Thought of the week

"From here to there and there to here, funny things are everywhere"

Dr Seuss

**Enterprise:** Rosie – for trying hard to improve her writing

**Jubilee:** Ethan J – For always trying hard and challenging himself

# Congratulations!