



# Year 1 Home Learning

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2019



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to a new term at Ditton Infant School. We hope that you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year.

To introduce our new topic, 'Winter Wonderland', we began the week with a day of creative activities. First, we looked at photographs of winter scenes, which inspired us to think about the things we might see in snowy places. We had fun creating cotton wool snowmen, printing penguins with potatoes and cutting out snowflakes.

In English, we began the week by looking at a variety of poems to identify the features of this genre. Then we thought of appropriate adjectives we could use to describe winter in preparation for writing our own poems next week. In Maths, we have begun work on multiplication using repeating addition. During Science, we have thought about the months of the year and how these are linked to the four seasons. We had fun working in teams to play a 'What season am I' game. In DT this week we have begun thinking about healthy foods in preparation for making our own healthy soup. In ICT, we went on a technology hunt around the school and filled in a tally chart.

## Suggested homework ideas:

**Reading:** Please continue to read with your child for at least **15 minutes every day**, supporting them with their decoding and comprehension skills. **Please be reminded to use your child's green reading record book to let us know when their books have been read and need changing.**

**Phonics:** This week's key phonemes, graphemes and tricky words are on the reverse of this letter. Please feel free to practise these with your child. You may also wish to visit websites such as: <http://www.ictgames.com> and <http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk> to review any prior learning.

**Spelling:** We are continuing to encourage the pupils to correctly spell all learnt tricky words within their written work. Suggested spellings will be sent home each week for you to practise with your child. We are now ready to revise the Year 1 common exception words, i.e. words that are not written phonetically, and would ask you to encourage your child to write the spelling words in sentences. This week's spellings are: **were, was**. Please prompt your child to use a capital letter at the beginning of the sentence as well as using finger spaces and a full stop at the end, if they do not do this automatically. Your child might like to challenge themselves further by including an adjective in their sentences e.g. 'He was rolling the soft white snow into a snowball and then he made a little snowman.' Perhaps you could try practising with chalks, crayons or paint

**Mathletics:** A range of activities in Mathletics have been made available for your child to complete. If you cannot access Mathletics your child might like to use everyday objects to help them count in jumps of 2s, 5s and 10s.

**Busy Books:** In preparation for our Art work on mixing colours your child could research which colours are the primary colours and what colours they will get if they mix two primary colours together. If you wish, you could extend your child's learning by allowing them to experiment using paints.

It is Census Day next Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> January so there will be a menu change on this day - further details will be sent home on Monday.

We wish you a lovely weekend.

Miss Seymour, Mrs Azzopardi and Mrs Tuft