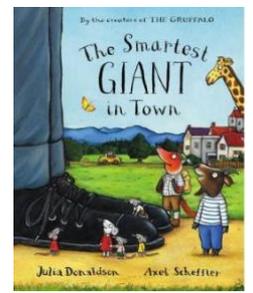


The Smartest Giants in Tankersley



Dear parents/carers,

We hope you have all had a lovely summer holiday and the children are ready for some new and exciting learning in Year 1.

Our class identity in Year 1 is 'The Smartest Giants in Tankersley'. We are named after a book written by the author Julia Donaldson called 'The Smartest Giant in Town'. We read this story on our transition day and will be looking at other books by Julia Donaldson throughout the year.

This week the children will be getting to know the new routines in our classroom and we will begin our new topic about space. Our PE day is Thursday.

Over the next couple of weeks in English we will be reading 'Whatever Next' by Jill Murphy. Children will be learning the text and doing lots of oral rehearsal to prepare them for writing their own stories. They will be writing sentences and identifying capital letters, full-stops and finger spaces.

Children's reading books will be sent home on Friday 14th September. They will be sent home a book that they have been practising during their RWI session and a second book which is new to them. These books will be sent home every Friday and we ask that they are returned along with the reading record on the following Wednesday. We ask for parents to hear their child read as frequently as possible and record any comment about their reading in a home / school reading record. The reading records will be checked each week and those children who have read at home three or more times will move up on our Fred Frog reading chart and receive a reading token which will then be placed into a weekly prize draw.

Homework will be given out in Week 4 on a Thursday and information about this will follow.

In Maths, the children will be looking at how numbers can be represented in different ways, ordering numbers and finding one more and one less than a given number.

Our creative curriculum over the next couple of weeks will be learning about the first people that travelled to the moon, exploring mixing different primary colours in Art and logging onto the computer in ICT.

We will be making rockets and moon buggies. If you have any kitchen roll tubes, (no toilet rolls please) small plastic bottles and small boxes they would be greatly appreciated for our modelling. Also any unwanted Lego wheels would be great to help us to make moon buggies for our small world.

If you have any concerns please come and see us and we will be happy to help.

We look forward to working with you this year.

Mrs Beevor, Miss Bennison and Mrs Cooper

