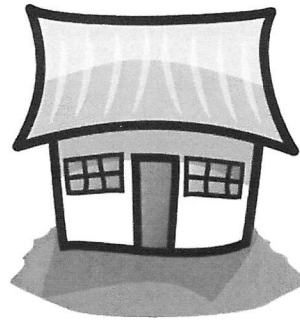


# Happy New Year



8.1.16

Happy New Year and welcome back to school. This newsletter will give you information relevant to KS1 and also inform you of what your children have been learning during the week and any websites that might help your child with their learning at home. Our topic for this half term is 'A Starry Night'.

## Literacy and Numeracy.

In English this week the children have been learning and practising sentence construction. They have been learning to use capital letters for the start of a sentence, a person's name, the name of a place, the personal pronoun 'I' and the days of the week. They have also been practising adding full stops to end their sentences and adding questions marks and exclamation marks to finish questions and express strong feelings.

A good game to play to practise these skills can be found at <http://roythezebra.com/> Look for the quick game finder for the capital letter, full stop and question marks games.

In Maths this week the children have been learning about place value and looking at the tens and ones in numbers to help them compare and order numbers.

A good game to practise ordering numbers is <http://www.topmarks.co.uk/ordering-and-sequencing/chinese-dragon-ordering>

or

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/ordering-and-sequencing/caterpillar-ordering>

They have been also learning about the greater than symbol  $>$  and the less than symbol  $<$  to compare numbers. A game to practise this concept can be found at:

<http://www.education.com/games/less-than-greater-than/>

A good website for practising phonics is: <http://www.letters-and-sounds.com/>

As it contains links to a range of games to practise sound recognition and the blending of phonemes (smallest unit of sound in spoken language eg: s, a, ch etc).



Please practise reading at home as much as possible and record their reading in their reading record book so the book can be changed. Also please can book bags be brought into school every day.



PE will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays this term so please could PE kit be brought into school ready for those days. Thank you.