



Year 1 Spring Newsletter

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Happy New Year! We hope you all enjoyed the Christmas break. Thank you for all the lovely gifts - they were greatly appreciated. Miss Waters is very excited to be joining the Year 1 team, teaching in 1RW on a Thursday and Friday.

Below is an outline of some of the things we will be covering in class this term.

English

The majority of our English work is based around key texts. We will be focusing on writing in sentences, using capital letters and full stops correctly and using connectives in our writing. We are also continuing to encourage joined handwriting. We will continue with our regular phonics sessions, working through Phase 5 of Letters and Sounds.

Maths

In Maths we will be covering a range of topics. These will include continuing to develop understanding of number, doubling and halving and counting in 2's, 5's and 10's, learning about odd and even numbers, understanding money, 3D shapes and ordering days of the week and months of the year. Children will have opportunities to use this knowledge to solve problems.

Science

In Science, we will be learning about everyday materials and plants.

History

In History, we shall be learning about explorers - Neil Armstrong and Christopher Columbus.

Geography

We will start looking at the location of our school and homes. We will also look at our local area.

Computing

This term we will begin to learn how to create simple programs.

PE

Please ensure that your child has a full PE kit in school every day. This should include a named tracksuit for outside games, as well as shorts and plimsolls for indoor activities.

Art/Music

Much of the Art will be linked to either the book that we are studying in English or our other topics, whilst teaching new skills at the same time e.g. sketching winter scenes linked with our science learning. In Music, the children will listen to different styles of music and find out about the origins of these different styles.

RE

In R.E we will be learning about the beliefs of Christians and how these affect their daily lives. We will also be learning about the features of Christian churches. Later in the term, we will visit a local church to learn about how Christians might choose to worship. We will also be learning about some aspects of Judaism, including the Synagogue and Torah. We will then learn about some of the Easter story.

Homework

Please remember that the children should be reading at home every day as part of their regular homework routine.

This term, we will begin to send spellings home every Wednesday for your child to learn. The children have their spelling test on Mondays.

The school website is updated with our learning each week to enable you to support your children with what we are doing in school.

Please feel free to come and see us at a mutually convenient time if there is anything you would like to discuss further.

Yours Sincerely,

Miss Holmes, Ms O'Hare, Mrs Rodger and Miss Waters