



Year 1 Spring Newsletter

Dear Parents / Carers,

Happy New Year! We hope you all enjoyed the Christmas break. Thank you for all the lovely gifts - they were greatly appreciated.

Our topics for this half term are Explorers and Growing. 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 will also be focusing on correct letter formation and beginning to join, where appropriate. We will continue with our regular phonics sessions, working through Phase 5 of Letters and Sounds.

Maths

In Maths, we will be working with numbers within 20 including adding, subtracting, doubling/halving, bonds to 10/20 (including using these to calculate more efficiently). We will also be working on place value with numbers up to 50, understanding the value of each digit in a 2-digit number. Counting in 2s, 5s and 10s will be part of regular daily practice. Towards the end of the term we will be learning about measurements of length, height, weight and volume.

Science

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

History

In History, we shall be learning about explorers including 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 our 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. 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 this affects 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. Contact books should be signed each week and should be in school daily. During the first week back we will be re-assessing reading levels, so books will start coming home the week commencing 13th Jan.

Spellings for the half term will be sent home with this newsletter. Spelling tests will take place on a Friday and spelling books will come home so you can see how your child has achieved. Please send spelling books back to school on a Monday.

From time-to-time we will send home other homework tasks and projects to support and extend your child's learning.

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

Yours Sincerely,

Year 1 Team