



Year 1 Class Newsletter Spring Term

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to Summer term 1. I trust you had a lovely Easter.

Please read on to find out all the learning your child will be exploring this half term.

	Summer 1
Phonics and English	During the summer we will be reviewing and consolidating all the phonic sounds we have been learning and all the alternative graphemes that spell these sounds. We will be practicing spotting them in real and nonsense words and getting ready for the phonic screen. We will also be continuing to practice and spell the year 1 harder to read and spell words and learning to spell words with suffixes - er, est, ed and ing along with spelling plurals. Our writing lessons will be focusing on increasing our stamina and writing simple narratives. We will also look at other genre such as poetry and information text. We will begin to include other punctuation such as exclamation and question marks in addition to full-stops.
Maths	Using White Rose Maths as the core for our learning this term we begin to look at measure including capacity and mass. We will also be beginning to look at the operations of multiplication and division very simply - counting and grouping objects into 2, 5s and 10s. We will be also start to learn simple fractions.
Geography	This term in Geography we are developing our knowledge of the UK. We will be recapping our previous knowledge of the countries, cities and surrounding seas and then learn more about the physical and special features of each country.
Science	Planting and growing will be the focus this half term. Our first batch of seeds has failed (that's Science!) so we will be replanting and hopefully this time - watch our plants grow. We will be labelling the parts of trees and plants. Looking at different types of plants and learning to recognise and identify trees and plants that grow in our locality.
Computing	In computing we will be continuing keyboard, text and drawing skills along with some E-safety lessons.
PE	We will have class teacher PE on Fridays and PE with YDP on Thursday. We will be focusing on sending and receiving skills and athletic running and throwing skills. Please ensure your child has appropriate PE kit because we will be outside. Your child can wear their kit to school on these days.
RE/PSHE	During RE, which this term will be taught by Miss Jenkinson, the children will be learning more Bible stories for the first few weeks to continue their learning about the Christian faith. Later in the term they will begin to learn about the special place of worship and the holy text for Islam.

	During PSHE we will be looking at recognising our emotions and how we can self regulate these and how we keep ourselves and others safe making sure we know who we can ask for help when we need it.
Art	We will be creating card and paper sculptures inspired by birds. Building on observational drawing and paper folding skills to plan and design our sculpture.

Special Events this Term

Celebration of last half terms history on the Fire of London. 'Let the houses burn!'

Home Learning:

Remember, to reread the school given phonic book several times to build fluency. In year 1 the children should be able to fluently read 70 words per minute when reading a known text, so please keep re-reading the phonically decodable books given to your child each week! Please talk about the books they are reading and ask questions about the text they have read to check understanding. The children will also bring home a library book they can read this or you can read to them. Please use the reading diary to record, with date any comments every time your child reads. This can be any book or reading activity they do. They will also be bringing home practice words for the phonics screening these will include nonsense words (depicted with an alien) and real words.

A new selection of home learning challenges has been added to their Home learning book for this half term.

Equipment needed in Year 1:

- PE days - Thursday and Friday
- Reading records - please hand in on Fridays.
- **Labelled** water bottles
- Please clearly label **all** clothing so it can be returned promptly if misplaced.

Keeping connected

Please feel free to catch me for brief messages in the morning or at the end of the day. Emails to the office or Class Dojo can also be used to let me have any information - not needed for that day (Dojo messages get read after the school day.) For longer meeting please let me know you would like a meeting.

If you have any queries, please feel free to come and speak to us at any time.

Many thanks,
Mrs Weightman.