



Year 1 Class Newsletter

Spring Term

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy new year. I trust you had a lovely Christmas break. Welcome back to the Spring term.

	Autumn 1
Phonics and English	<p>In Phonics this term we are beginning to learn the more ways of representing the vowel diagraphs. We will be also increasing our focus on spelling the tricky to read and spell words correctly in our writing. We will be practicing using phonics skills to read real and nonsense words - please come to an information session on January 16th to find out more about the phonics check and how you can help at home.</p> <p>Our writing lessons will focus on writing complete sentences with correct punctuation whilst also extending them using conjunctions and, but and because.</p>
Maths	<p>We will continue using the White Rose Maths as the core for our learning. This will be supplemented with practical challenges and consolidation work accordingly. We will be extending our place value addition and subtraction using to numbers up to 20 and then begin extending to place value to 50.</p>
Geography	<p>This half term we will be looking at the United Kingdom learning about the countries, capitals and seas around our island. We will be developing our map skills and geographical skills we will also be comparing London with the capital city of Brazil.</p>
Science	<p>We have so far looked at the seasonal changes that happen during the autumn term and we will continue to watch the changes in the nature, trees and weather during the winter and into the spring. We will begin to plant seeds ready for our plants topic in the second half of the term. Whilst waiting for the seeds to grow we will be focusing on our main science learning for spring 1 which is all about animals. We will be naming, grouping and sorting animals learning to recognise mammals, birds, fish, reptiles and amphibians. We will look at what they eat and find out which animals are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores.</p>
Computing	<p>In computing we will be beginning to learn about coding and giving instructions to a computer. We will learn how to notice errors and 'debug' incorrect codes.</p>
PE	<p>We will have Class teacher PE on Wednesday and PE with YDP on Tuesday -. Please ensure your child has a named tracksuit because we will be outside on cooler days too. Your child can wear their kit to school on these days.</p>
RE/PSHE	<p>During RE we will be learning about the Jewish faith and the special places they go to worship.</p> <p>In PSHE we will be learning about our identity and our community.</p>

Special Events this Term

To support our Science learning this term we are wanting to hold an 'animal themed' experience. Details of this event will be sent out soon.

Home Learning:

Reading to and with your child is the main thing that you can do to support at home. Please talk about what they read and encourage re-reading books to improve fluency and please ensure the books are returned on Mondays as they are needed for the next group to take home. 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 phonic screening these will include nonsense words (depicted with an alien) and real words - This will be explained at the phonics meeting on Thursday 16th January.

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 - Tuesday and /thursday
- Reading records - please hand in on Mondays.
- **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.