

## Year 1 Spring Newsletter

Hello,

We would like to wish you a Happy New Year. What a start to 2021 it has been so far! In this Newsletter, we have set out the expectations we have for the children's learning. The work will be set through Microsoft Teams and the same work will be accessed by all the children whether they are at home or in school. The year 1 teachers will share the online teaching as the 'teacher of the day'.

### **English:**

We will be using Talk for writing activities, which are designed to support children with speaking, listening, reading and writing. The first unit has been sent out in a booklet through which we will allocate different pages to work on each week. Our first story is 'Bob the bubble who wanted to be useful', the story comes in print and an audio version can be accessed via a link on the first page of the booklet. There will be four tasks per week, which will include a mixture of reading, writing, crafts and science. When the children are completing writing activities the focus should be on making sure that, the children are:

- forming their letters correctly
- saying out loud what they are going to write
- re-reading the word they have written to check that it is spelt correctly..
- leaving spaces between words
- punctuating sentences using a capital letter and a full stop correctly.

### **Maths:**

There will be four maths lessons each week. Each lesson will be introduced by the 'teacher of the day' and will include a video, a worksheet and an answer sheet for you to check your child's work. There will also be maths challenges as an optional extra sheet. This term we will be covering place value, number bonds, addition and subtraction.

### **Phonics:**

Below is a link to the Ruth Miskin YouTube channel, which will have daily phonics videos:

<https://www.youtube.com/c/RuthMiskinTrainingEdu/featured>

Each film is approximately ten to fifteen minutes long and will be available on YouTube for 24 hours. We will be using the film from the previous day, which is available until 9:30am. There will be a phonics sheet set each afternoon that will consolidate the learning from the video. On Monday there will be videos available with previously learnt sounds and a worksheet

### **Reading:**

As you know, reading is of vital importance to be able to access all learning and any books that you have at home that your child can read independently or with support will assist their reading development. Also, any stories that you can enjoy sharing together will encourage a love of reading. A suggested list of questions has been sent that the children could be asked whilst reading which will help to ensure that children have understood the reading content.

Below is a link to the Oxford Owl website, which has a variety of free eBooks that are available to read online. Parents can create a free account and then access the eBook library that can be browsed as it is or by age, series or level. The Read Write Inc. series are the books that we use for phonics, which the children are familiar with. As well as reading the story, the children should practice the speed sounds, story green words, speedy green words and red words within the book. These books should be read 3 times within a week to improve fluency and understanding. They should then be able to answer the questions at the back of the book.

[https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/home/reading-site/find-a-book/library-page?view=image&series=Read+Write+Inc.](https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/home/reading-site/find-a-book/library-page?view=image&series=Read+Write+Inc)

Children that are reading blue level books will be set reading comprehension tasks each week with an answer sheet for you to check their work.

If your child is in school, they will continue to come home with two reading books each Monday, which they should return on Friday.

The 'teacher of the day' will also read a story to the children at the end of every day except Wednesday.

### **Spelling:**

A list of the common exception words for year 1 has been sent which can be learnt over the half term. The children should learn to read these words and write them from memory.

**Topic:**

Our topic this term is Splendid Skies, which is all about the weather. Topic activities will take place on a Wednesday with a short introduction from our 'teacher of the day' and a video lesson. Within the lesson, there are activities for the children to complete. Some weeks there will be extra activities set through Microsoft Teams. A home learning page has already been sent with suggestions that can be completed over the half term if you wish.

**Feedback:**

Teachers will give feedback for one piece of English each week. This is the only piece of work that we need uploaded once complete. The answers will be sent for the maths and reading comprehension so that parents can check these at home. All work can be downloaded and printed or answers can be written onto paper without the need to print. If there are any queries or questions about this work, they can be asked by the children in the online slot either after lunch alternatively the parent is welcome to email the class teacher.

**PE:**



P.E for Year 1 will be on a Monday so please make sure children come to school on Friday in their P.E kit. In school and at home we will be following Joe Wicks P.E lessons:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAxW1XT0iEJo0TYIRfn6rYQ>

**Timetable:**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:45	Overview of the day	Overview of the day	Overview of the day	Overview of the day	Overview of the day
9:00	Phonics	Phonics	Phonics	Phonics	Phonics
9:30	Handwriting	Handwriting	Handwriting	Handwriting	Handwriting
9:45	Maths	Maths	Topic	Maths	Maths
10:30	Break/snack	Break/snack	Break/snack	Break/snack	Break/snack
11:00	English	English	Topic	English	English
12:00	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
1:00	Registration	Registration	Topic	Registration	Registration
1:15	Phonics activity, Reading comprehension or reading	Phonics activity, Reading comprehension or reading		Phonics activity, Reading comprehension or reading.	Phonics activity, Reading comprehension or reading.
1:45	PE	Walk/play outside	Walk/play outside	Walk/play outside	Walk/play outside
2:15	CBBC programme	CBBC programme	CBBC programme	CBBC programme	CBBC programme
2:30	Story with teacher of the day	Story with teacher of the day	Reading	Story with teacher of the day	Story with teacher of the day

### Live lesson rules:

1. Please remember this is a lesson and you should behave as such at all times.
2. Please keep yourself on mute - your teacher can unmute you when needed.
3. Please be aware that you can be seen by everyone in year 1 including the teachers!
4. Raise your hand  or write a message in chat  if you have a question.
5. Always come to the lesson prepared and ready to begin on time. You will need a piece of paper and something to write with in all lessons.

The live part of the lessons will be recorded and available to download should you not be able to access it at the time.

We hope this provides some reassurance regarding this half term. If you would like to contact us directly, our email addresses are below. Please be aware that whilst we will do our best to respond to you as quickly as possible this will be within school hours and may not be the same day if we are teaching. If you need an answer straight away and you have tried to reach us by email, there is always someone available on site if you telephone the school office.

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