

Year 1 Spring Newsletter

Hello,

We would like to wish you a Happy New Year. What a start to 2022 it has been so far! In this Newsletter, we have set out the expectations we have for the children's learning.

English:

In English will be following the Read Write Inc. phonics scheme, which is designed to support children with speaking, listening, reading and writing.

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:

In Maths we follow the White Rose scheme with extra challenges. This term we will be covering place value, addition and subtraction and length and height.

If you can please practise your child's times tables with them as much as possible. We will be learning the 2, 5 and 10 times tables throughout the year.

Reading:

We change reading books every Monday, your child needs to place their reading record and both reading books into a specific box in their classroom on a Monday morning. These will be checked by an adult and changed as necessary. Teachers will know if a book has been completed if the parents have written in the reading record.

It is important for your child to practise the skills they learn at school and reading at home gives them the opportunity to do this. Please aim to hear your child as often as possible. Practising reading makes a big difference to their progress in reading and writing.

Please encourage your child to read the same book three times before sending it back in to be changed. The first read is for decoding each word, the second read is for fluency and the final read is for asking questions about the event in the story.

Also, any stories that you can enjoy sharing together will encourage a love of reading.

Topic:

This half term, our topic is 'Splendid Skies', we'll take a walk outdoors to find out about different types of weather and to look for signs of the seasons. We'll study TV weather reports, make weather symbols and learn about the life and work of Sir Francis Beaufort. Creative opportunities will allow us to explore weather in works of art and make season trees. Our thinking skills will come in handy when we record weather forecasts and compare weather around the world.

Help your child prepare for their topic

Weather is wonderful! Why not go for a walk and observe the weather? Take photographs and make notes of interesting observations. Alternatively, study a weather app together to see how symbols are used to show the weather over the coming days. You could also fly a kite in the park on different days to find out which conditions are best for kite flying!

In Spring 2 our topic will be 'Dinosaur Planet' we will look closely at ancient fossils and study reptiles to understand how dinosaurs may have lived and eventually died out. We'll learn about the great fossil hunter, Mary Anning, and follow in her footsteps, studying dinosaur teeth and bones to find out what dinosaurs liked to eat. Learning dinosaur names and writing fantastic fact files are some of the other activities we'll be involved in this half term. We'll also use our artistic skills to make model dinosaurs and to design dinosaur landscapes.

Help your child prepare for their project

Dinosaurs are fascinating! Why not visit the library, choose some dinosaur books and practise reading and writing dinosaur names together? Alternatively, research amazing dinosaur facts together online. You could also make a mini Jurassic Park from cardboard boxes and craft materials to make model dinosaurs feel at home!

PE:

P.E for Year 1 will be on a Wednesday & Thursday so please make sure children come to school in their P.E kit.

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 in the school office.

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