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Spring Term 2024 – Year 1 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Our values are Kindness, Courage and Responsibility.

Happy New Year, and welcome back after the winter break. The children have had a great start to the term, and it is wonderful to see them excited about their new learning.

English

This term, we will read 'The Way Back Home' by Oliver Jeffers and Eloise Greenfield's poem 'When I Am By Myself'. Then, we will write non-fiction information texts about the seasons.

Our focus this term is developing children's skills in using **capital letters, finger spaces and full stops** correctly in their sentences. Handwriting has an important focus in their learning and we ask you to encourage your child to practise letter formation and handwriting at home.

Phonics

We use **Read Write Inc.** to teach daily phonics lessons. Children will learn how to blend sounds to read and spell. We will focus on developing fluency so reading daily with your child is vital.

Reading books are available on the **Oxford Owl** website. Please use the login provided to access the reading books.

Maths

The following topics will be studied:

- Addition and subtraction (within 20)
- Place value (within 50)
- Measurement (length, height, mass, volume)
- Multiplication and division

We ask you to support your child to learn number bonds to 10 and 20 and count in 2s, 5s and 10s.

Science

Our topic this half term is 'Materials'. After half term, we will be learning about 'Animals, including humans' and the season of 'spring'.

Computing

This term, we will develop our programming skills, using beebots. After half term, we will begin to sort and classify data.

Geography

Our topic is linked to our class countries, which are all in the United Kingdom. We will locate our class country on a map and learn about the key physical and human features of the country.

History

Our history topic is Homes. They will identify key external features of homes and explore how homes have changed over time.

PSHE

We will be exploring how to keep ourselves safe, including online safety. After half term, we will learn about rules and how actions have consequences.

Music

Our topic is 'Animals', and we will learn about dynamics and tempo. After half term, our topic is 'By the Sea', focusing on body percussion.

RE

This term, we will explore Judaism. After half term, we will explore what it means to belong to a faith community?

Art

This term, we will learn about form and texture. We will think about what forms we can see in a structure and what shapes can be used to recreate an object.

DT

Our focus this term is on 'Food'. We will design, make and evaluate a healthy sandwich.

PE

We will be focusing on Dance. We will be practising simple movement patterns and how to tell a story through dance.

Spring Term - PE timetable

Class	P.E. Day 1	P.E. Day 2
1 England	Monday	Wednesday
1 Scotland	Monday	Wednesday
1 Wales	Tuesday	Wednesday



Please ensure your children wear the **correct P.E kit** to school on these days:

- Navy blue tracksuit bottoms,
- Navy blue sweatshirt
- White T-shirt or polo shirt,
- Plain black trainers or plimsolls,
- **No leggings**

Homework

For their homework this term, we would like your child to:

- **Read their phonics books with you everyday**
- **Read their story book with you everyday**
- **Watch the phonics videos using the QR codes sheet**
- Practise their spellings on Spelling Shed and times tables on Maths Shed.

Your child will receive a weekly spelling list on a Friday.

This term, we are learning about **Homes** in History. We would like you to help your child to:

- Research different types of homes throughout history,
- Build their own model of a historical home using different materials,
- Bring their model in by the **22nd March 2024**.

Reminders

- **Please read with your child each day.**
- **For your child's safety, no jewellery should be worn to school.**
- Ensure your child has their **name inside clothes** such as jumpers, cardigans and coats.
- Children can bring in a water bottle to keep them hydrated throughout the day.

Thank you for assisting your children with their home learning and for your help and support.

Mrs Padihar
1 Wales

Miss Begum
1 Scotland

Ms Gomori
1 England

Ms Lewis
KS1 Assistant Head