

Year 1 Newsletter – Spring 1

Welcome

Welcome back, we hope everyone has had a lovely Christmas break!

Phonics and Reading

Phonics

Following the Little Wandle Phonics scheme, the children will continue to review phase 3 and 4 sounds and learn new phase 5 digraphs, trigraphs and tricky words. The children will also be continuing to segment, blend and read words.

Recommended reads for year 1: [Best Books for Year 1: Recommended Booklist for Ages 5-6 \(bookstopics.com\)](http://bookstopics.com)



Writing

This term, we are continuing to focus on sentence structure in English. We will work on including capital letters, full stops, and finger spaces consistently and will practise using adjectives to describe. Children will now also start to use conjunctions in their writing. Our work is based on some lovely picture books, including 'Hibernation Hotel', 'Deep Dark Wood' and 'The Squirrels who Squabbled'.



Maths

This term, our first unit is place value within 20 where we will explore the number system from 11-20. The children will recognise numerals, compare, and order numbers and place numbers on a number line.



Our second unit is addition and subtraction within 20. We will build on the skills learned in the autumn term using larger numbers and learning new concepts such as using near doubles. We will also be learning how to find the difference as part of subtraction.



Science



The science theme is 'Sensikive Bodies.' The children will be learning to name body parts, as well as exploring the five senses.

Computing



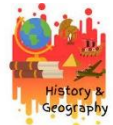
In computing, we have two units. The first is Maze Explorers where the children will learn how to use the direction keys. The second unit is Technology Outside of School. In this unit, the children will explore the different types of technology around us and in the community.

DT



In DT, we will be exploring textiles by making puppets. We will complete this in a DT Day at the end of the term where the children will learn different joining techniques and designing and creating their own puppets.

Geography




Our geography unit is exploring the question 'What is the weather like in the UK?' Always a popular topic of conversation! They will be building upon our science learning about seasons from Autumn 1, and looking for any weather patterns across the country. You could support with this by watching some weather reports with the children or looking at a weather outline online.

PE

This term our PE days are **Tuesday** and **Thursday**. On Tuesday's we will be inside practising Yoga and outside on Thursday's playing target games.

Children should come to school wearing PE kit on these days. Children should not be wearing any brightly coloured hoodies or character clothes as their PE kit. Please also make sure to remove any earrings before school on these days or practise with your child at home so that they can take them in and out independently. Children will not be able to participate in PE if they have earrings in. Thank you!

PSHE

This term in PSHE we have two topics. Our first is 'water spillage' and is  about being responsible with water use. Our second is about the feeling of jealousy and how to manage this strong emotion.



RE

In RE, we will be exploring 'Places in Christianity' and learning about churches. We will look at the symbols and main features and why they are important to Christians.



Enrichment

To support our RE unit, we are planning to visit the church of St Michael and All Angels in Great Oakley. We will look at different features of the building and learn why they are important.



Homework Project



We will continue to send home sheets explaining what we have learned in phonics for the children to practice. We will also make sure that the children have tricky words to practice at home as well as their reading books each week. In maths, we will send home the booklets linked to the current unit for children to work through.



Skills Builder

The Skills Builder Universal Framework provides a common language for building essential skills with children and young people.

Research shows that building essential skills supports social and emotional wellbeing, learning and academic outcomes and careers and opportunities.



Rewards

The children will receive 'Dojo Points' as a positive acknowledgement of demonstrating the school values.



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Please remember to name your child's school jumper or cardigan.

Please remember if you are making your child a packed lunch, we ask you not to put anything in that contains nuts.

Dates for the diary!

Key Dates for Parents 2024-2025

Spring 1

Monday 6th January – Training Day

Tuesday 7th January – School reopens to pupils

Thursday 9th January – Book & Biscuit Event 8.40am-9am

Thursday 23rd January – Whole School Panto – Jack and the Beanstalk

W/B 5th February – Parents' Open Sessions (Maths) – days and timings tbc

W/B 10th February – Mental Health Week

Tuesday 11th February – Safer Internet Day

Friday 14th February – school closes for Half Term

