

Year 1 Newsletter – Spring 2

Welcome

Welcome back. I hope everyone has had a lovely half term break. We're now half way through the school year, which has flown by so fast! This half term is short, but busy so here's a taste of what we're up to.

Phonics and Reading

Phonics

Following the Little Wandle Phonics scheme the children will be starting and others continuing with Phase 5 and we will be 'growing the code' more. This means spending lessons exploring one sound and all the many ways it can be written. We will also be reading lots of tricky words. In guided reading sessions, we continue to develop the children's skills in reading independently and practising blending in their heads as well as focusing on comprehension. Reading books will be collected Monday and returned for reading at home on Thursdays.

We will read a story to the children every day and they can change their library books once per week.

Recommended reads for year 1: [Best Books for Year 1: Recommended Booklist for Ages 5-6](#)

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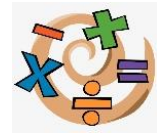
Writing

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 continue to use conjunctions in their writing. Our work is based on some lovely picture books, including 'Lost in the Toy Museum!', 'Speak Up!' and 'The Smartest Giant in Town'.





Maths



Our first unit is on place value to 50. We will cover lots of the place value skills we have already learned but apply them to working with larger numbers. This includes using a number line, one more and one less, estimating, and partitioning numbers into tens and ones.

Our next unit is about length and we will learn how to compare items by their length and how to measure using non-standard and standard units.

Our final unit is on measure and volume and we will be talking about weighing objects and learning how to measure the volume of a container.

Science



In Science this term we are Identifying and naming a variety of plants and investigating if beans need water for growth. We will be learning to:

- Identify plants and their features.
- Recall some of the roles that flowering plant parts have.
- Name some trees and their parts.
- Identify similarities and differences between deciduous and evergreen leaves.
- Recall that seeds and bulbs come from plants.
- Recognise that seeds need water for growth.

Computing



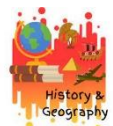
In computing, we have two units. The first is Maze Explorers where the children will learn how to use the direction keys. The second unit is Technology Outside of School. In this unit, the children will explore the different types of technology around us and in the community.

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.





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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.



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Dates for the diary!



Spring 2

Monday 24th February – school reopens to pupils.

Thursday 6th March – World Book Day / Book & Biscuit Event 2.40pm-3pm

Friday 21st March – Comic Relief Day (Mufti Day)

Tuesday 25th March - Parents evening 3.30pm – 6pm

Wednesday 26th March- Parents Evening 3.30pm – 6pm

Friday 28th March – Wear blue and yellow for World Down's Syndrome Day

Thursday 3rd April – School closes for Easter

Friday 4th April – Training Day

