



Year 1 Newsletter – Spring 2

Welcome

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

Phonics and Reading

Phonics

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



For age-appropriate books to share at home follow this link to find 50 recommended reads!

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

Writing

This term we will build on children's ability to use adjectives to describe a noun and use conjunctions to join sentences. We will also be writing some exclamation sentences, using an exclamation mark in our writing. The books that are writing will be based on for this half term are: Mrs Mole I'm Home, On the Way Home and Dogs Don't Do Ballet.



Maths

In maths we will be working on addition and subtraction within 20 and then move onto place value within 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.

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

Our Computing this term is 'coding'. The children will explore this using Purple Mash.



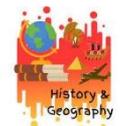
Art

In Art, we will be exploring the work of Charles McGee. We will be creating some 3D paper sculptures.



History

In History we will explore how toys have changed. This will include sequencing toys on a timeline, investigating artefacts from the past, identifying how teddy bears have changed and what toys may be like in the future.



Music

In music we are looking at sound patterns. Through fairytales, children are introduced to the concept of sound patterns (rhythms). We will explore clapping along to repeated words and phrases, creating rhythmic patterns to tell a familiar fairytale.



PE

This term our PE days are **Tuesday** and **Wednesday**. On Tuesday's we will be playing target games and on Wednesday we are practising our Yoga skills!



PSHE



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In PSHE, our topic is Rights and Respect. We will be looking at how we can look after our school, looking after money and learning some basic first aid.

RE

Our RE topic is continuing from last half term as we will still be exploring 'Places in Christianity'. This term will focus on churches and understanding the main symbols and features we would find in a Christian church.



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 be keeping you up to date on Dojo and continue to send home phonics spellings for the week. Maths homework is now included at the back of these books.



Rewards

The children will receive 'Dojo Points' as a reward for demonstrating our school values: Respect, Responsibility and Resilience.



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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!





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Monday 23rd February - school reopens to pupils

Tuesday 24th February – Life Education Bus (PSHE) Y1,4,5 6

Wednesday 25th February - Life Education Bus (PSHE) Y1,4,5 6

Thursday 5th March - World Book Day

Tuesday 17th March – Parents' evening 3.30pm – 6pm

Wednesday 18th March – Parents' Evening 3.30pm – 6pm

Wednesday 18th March – Class Photos

Friday 20th March – Comic Relief Day

Thursday 26th March – Easter Hunt TBC

Friday 27th March – Wear blue and yellow for World Down Syndrome Day

Friday 27th March – school closes for Half Term



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