

Year 1 Class Newsletter



Summer Term 2017

Spring Term in Year One.

Hello and welcome back to school. We hope you had a fantastic Easter break. The aim of this newsletter is to give you some insight to the learning that will be taking place in the Summer term.

If at any time you have any questions or you are unsure of anything please ask. If I am unable to see you at the beginning or end of the day please make an appointment to see me at a convenient time.

What does learning look like in Year 1?

English, maths, phonics and handwriting will continue to be taught daily and the remaining curriculum subjects are taught using a topic approach. We aim to plan interesting topics, which will inspire and motivate the children in their learning. Our first topic for the Term is 'Once Upon A Time.' This topic will focus on traditional and fairy tales such as Little Red Riding Hood, The Three Little Pigs and The Gingerbread Man. Our role play area for this half term is 'Granny's cottage.'

Maths

We will be continuing to work hard to develop children's confidence in maths. We will be focusing on:

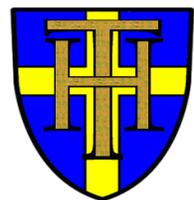
- Recognising place value in numbers up to 100.
- Counting in multiples of 2's, 5's and 10's forwards and backwards
- Adding and subtracting one and two digit numbers
- Solving missing number problems
- Comparing halves and quarters
- Recognising and knowing the value of coins
- Measuring length, height, capacity, volume and time.

You can support your child's learning in maths by playing number games at home, practicing number formation, adding and subtracting and writing number sentences so the children get used to using the symbols +, - and =.



Important reminders!

- Please make sure your child is wearing the correct uniform and all belongings are clearly named.
- Reading books need to be in school every day and please remember to sign your child's Reading Record.
- Please make sure any money sent into school is in a labeled envelope.
- Please make sure your child has their PE kit in school every day.
- Homework will be sent home on Fridays. Please complete the homework and return it to school by the following Wednesday.



Our motto is:

Alta Pete – Aim High

"The primary aim of the school is to help each pupil reach his or her full potential so that they may develop the attitudes, skills and knowledge to take full advantage of the opportunities available in their future lives."



English

We will begin the term with a narrative unit of work focussing on traditional tales. The children will develop the skills learnt in the Spring term and will be building up to writing their own versions of their favourite tales.

We will be teaching phonics for 20 minutes daily. The children will be learning new sounds and practising their blending and segmenting skills which will support their reading and writing.

The phonics screening check will take place during the week beginning Monday 12th June. I have discussed this during parent consultation evening but if anyone would like further information please do not hesitate to contact me about this.

The children will continue to bring home weekly spellings corresponding to the sounds learnt in their phonics group that week. We have noticed that some children are not practising these at home. Please note this is part of your child's homework and they are expected to learn these words at home ready for the spelling test the following Monday.

Reading is an integral part of our school day. As well as a daily designated class reading time the children will access a wide range of texts throughout the day. They will be given opportunities to read texts during shared teaching, as part of a small group and individually. Your child will read with an adult in school at least once a week. It is important that your child brings their reading book into school every day so that we can maximise additional opportunities for them to read. Please encourage your child to read every day at home and make it a special time together. Remember little and often is the best way to develop a love for reading! Please can you sign the reading record when you have read with your child.

Science

Throughout the term our science topics are 'materials' and 'plants.' We will be investigating the properties of different materials and developing the children thinking skills by discussing why certain materials are chosen for different objects. The children will develop their understanding of how plants grow and will be labelling diagrams of plants.

Topic

We will be exploring the four countries of the United Kingdom and their capital cities. We will also be exploring the local area.

In RE we will be learning about Shabbat and how it is a special time for Jewish families. The children will be learning about how Jewish people celebrate Shabbat and give thanks to god during this time.

In art and design we will be making puppets and in design and technology our focus will be food and nutrition.

In our computing lessons we are learning to use the computer independently and access different programmes to support our learning. In our music lessons the children will be exploring tempo and performance.

Mr Waite takes the children for PE every Friday morning and we will continue with our additional PE lesson on Tuesdays. Please ensure your child's PE kit is in school every day and is named clearly.

Homework

Homework is given to develop an effective partnership between home and school. It has many aims but primarily it is to consolidate and reinforce skills and understanding and it may also extend learning through research and investigation. Homework is linked to our learning in class and will usually consist of a task in the children's Learning Logs related to what we are learning in the classroom. Homework will be given on a Friday and is to be handed in by the following Thursday.

I hope that you have found this information helpful in giving you some knowledge of what the children will be learning over the next term. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mrs Williams