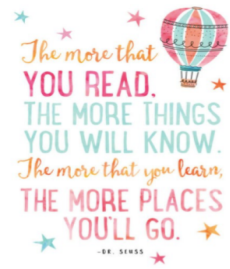


Year 1 Newsletter: Spring Term 1

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Our Big Question: Do inventions make the world a better place?

Year 1's wonderful reading journey

We are so proud of all of the children's progress in reading. Learning to read is the most important thing your child will learn at our school. Everything else depends on it, so we put as much energy as we possibly can into making sure that every single child learns to read as quickly as possible. We want your child to love reading - and to want to read for themselves. This is why we put our efforts into making sure they develop a love of books as well as simply learning to read.

Read Write Inc

The children take part in Read Write Inc sessions 3 times a week which teach the children how to 'read' the sounds in words and how those sounds can be written down. This is essential for reading, but it also helps children learn to spell well. We teach the children simple ways of remembering these sounds and letters. The children also practise reading (and spelling) what we call 'tricky words', such as 'once,' 'have,' 'said' and 'where'. We ask the children to practise their reading at home with books that match the phonics and the 'tricky words' they know. This gives the children confidence as they begin to start thinking that they can read and become more fluent. We read to the children daily, too, so the children get to know all sorts of stories, poetry and information books. They learn many more words this way and it also helps their writing. We also have Reading Skills sessions throughout the week which help to develop your child's comprehension and understanding of the texts that they are reading. You will find the key texts that we are focusing on at the bottom of this page

Home Reading

Adults at school will periodically hear the children read their home reading books to check that they are an appropriate level of challenge for them. The expectation is that children are reading **4 times a week at home**. Please make sure your child's reading book and record are in school every day.

Phonics Screening Check

Each morning the children are also applying their knowledge of phonics to read real and fake words in preparation for the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check (**which will take place w/b Monday 6th June 2022**). We carry out practice Phonics Screening Checks termly and Read Write Inc assessments to ensure that the children are progressing well and that any misconceptions are being addressed.

Spring Term Key Texts

Little Red Riding Hood
Farmer Duck - Martin Waddell
A Squash and a Squeeze - Julia Donaldson
Handa's Surprise - Eileen Browne
The Most Magnificent Thing - Ashley Spires

PE

Year 1 will have PE on a Monday and Wednesday.
Please ensure the children arrive at school in PE kits and have earrings removed prior to these sessions.
For PE a T-shirt, jogging bottoms, jumper and trainers will be needed.

Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

We would like to wish you all a Happy New Year and hope you have enjoyed a relaxing Christmas break.

We are really looking forward to a new term and seeing the children to continue to shine and reach their full potential.

In Connections sessions we will be exploring our new big question 'Do inventions make the world a better place?' In order to answer our question, we will be learning about different inventors such as: Alexander Graham Bell and his invention of the telephone and John Deere's invention of the tractor and how this has changed the way that we farm today.

You can find out more information about our curriculum within this newsletter. Please look at our class page on the school website to see what we have been learning about during the school day.

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Goulding and Miss Hume



Year 1 Curriculum

Do inventions make the world a better place?

In writing skills lessons we will be exploring the traditional tale of Little Red Riding Hood.

We will be continuing to focus on sentence writing ensuring that the children are consistently using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. The children will be learning how to extend their sentences using 'and' and using adjectives to describe the setting and characters from the story. We will then be learning how to write an alternative version of the story from the Wolf's perspective.

In Maths we will be learning to add and subtract numbers within 20. After that we will be developing our ability to count, read and write numbers within 50. The children will be expected to be working on their 'KIRF' (Key Instant Recall Facts) target for Spring 1 at home - 'To know doubles and halves for numbers to 10'.

In Science we will be investigating different materials. The children will learn to distinguish between an object and the material that it is made from. During our lessons we will be exploring a wide variety of materials and identifying and naming everyday materials.

In RE this term we will be learning about Islam and Muslim beliefs about God. We will learn about stories from the Qu'ran and what they tell Muslims about Allah.