

Year 1 Newsletter: Spring Term 2

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Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

We hope you have all enjoyed a relaxing half-term break.

We are really looking forward to a new term and enjoying new learning opportunities together. We are really proud of all of the children's achievements so far and look forward to recognising their continued successes at our 'Celebration of Learning'.

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 and as always, if you have any questions, feel free to catch me at the end of the school day or at parents evening on March 5th-7th.

You can also follow us on Twitter @WhaplodeYear1

Thank you for your continued support,
Miss Alexander and Mrs Willingale 😊



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.

Phonics Screening Check

Each day the children are also applying their knowledge of phonics to read real and nonsense words in preparation for the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check. We carry out practice Phonics Screening Checks half termly and Read Write Inc assessments to ensure that the children are progressing well and that any misconceptions are being addressed.

Spellings

Each Monday, the children will be given spellings to learn for a spelling test on the following Monday.

Homework

Homework is given out each Friday to be returned the following Thursday for marking.

Reading

Please hear your child read 4 x weekly and make a note of their progress in their reading diary. Reading regularly at home supports your child's reading fluency and confidence.

Learning to read takes lots of practice, at school we read as much as possible but the time you spend reading with your child at home is worth every minute.

Spring Term 2 Key Texts

These are the books we share in whole class reading, writing skills lessons and our class reader at the end of the day.

The Storm Whale by Oliver Jeffers

Arlo The Lion who couldn't sleep by Catherine Rayner

Where the wild things are by Maurice Sendak

How does your garden grow? By Julia Donaldson

The Hat Full of Secrets by Karl Newson

Hairy Maclary by Lynley Dodd

Science

The children will learn about concepts such as recycling and sustainability. They will also think about ways in which we can reduce our impact on the environment, from planting trees to recycling paper.

Writing Skills

Using the story of The Storm Whale by Oliver Jeffers the children will be learning how to write effective sentences for a story. We will then look at non-fiction writing and will be learning how to write instructions.

Maths

Our maths lessons this term will be focussed on place value within 50. The children will learn how to make numbers to 50 using base 10 and later move on to representing the numbers to 50 in different ways. We will then learn how to measure and record length, height, mass and volume

History

The children will be exploring how the power that Kings and Queens hold has changed over time. They will learn about our current monarch (HRH Charles III) and the coronation of his mother, Queen Elizabeth II.

Year 1's Curriculum Overview

PSHE & RE

In RE this term the children will be exploring Muslim celebrations.
In PSHE the children will be learning about the different ways that they can keep themselves healthy and safe.

PE – Tennis & Invasion Games

The children will be developing the basic skills required in invasion games such as sending, receiving and dribbling a ball.

They will develop their understanding of attacking and defending and what being 'in possession' means.

Art

The children will be exploring different techniques used in paintings: pointillism used by Seurat and short brushstrokes used by Van Gogh. The children will also learn that art can tell a story by drawing their own versions of St George and the Dragon.

Music & DT

The children will be listening to the song 'Round and Round'. They will learn to sing, perform and compose with the song. In DT the children will be learning about mechanisms and mechanical structures by making a moving story book.

Computing

We will be learning how to programme a simple device. They will use the bee-bots to input simple instructions for them to follow.