

Year 1

Spring 2 Term Newsletter



What your child will be learning this term:

Curriculum

DT-Hinges

History- What was school like when our Grandparents were children?

ICT – Handling data

RE – Judaism- Shabbat, Christianity- What do Eggs have to do with Easter?

Science - Materials

PE – Games and Gym

Music –Exploring sound and beat

PSHE – Good to be me

Numeracy – We will be continuing to focus on addition and subtraction skills this half term and applying these skills to different problems. Year 1 will also be learning to measure weight, capacity and beginning to tell the time to the nearest hour and half hour. Children will be finding fractions including whole, half and quarters of shapes and amounts.

Literacy–

We will be looking at the non-fiction text “All About Elephants” and using this text to create our own non-fiction information sheet on a different animal. Focus will continue to be on correct sentence structure including full stops and capital letters in the correct places when writing in different contexts. Our second unit will move onto Poetry and children will be writing their own poems and reciting ones learnt in class.



Odds Farm-

You will have all received a letter about our trip to Odds Farm on Wednesday 17th May. Please make sure permission slips are handed in and contributions made on Scopay by 2nd May. If you need another letter, please ask your class teacher who will have spares.

Year 1 Easter Worship

On Monday 27th March, Year 1 will be leading worship in the Infant hall at 9.15am. Parents/ carers are invited to come and watch.

WOW Afternoon 8th Feb

We would like to thank all parents and carers who attended our Owl and Pussycat WOW afternoon last term. It was great to invite so many of you to join Year 1 and the children really enjoyed sharing their poem recitals with you!

Home Learning

All children should have a book bag in which to carry their reading book/parent comment book, home learning and important letters and notices.

Reading: all children should be bringing home 3 book band books a week. They should read every day with the support of an adult for at least 10 minutes. Please could you write the date, title of the book and your initials to show how much reading your child is doing at home. Children will be changing their books once a week and will be notified which day they will be changing them. We expect the children to be responsible for

changing their book and putting the parent comment book in the box provided. Alongside this children will be assigned interactive books on www.activelearnprimary.co.uk. Login details are in their contact books.

The weekly numeracy home learning is also an online activity that follows up class learning that week. It is accessed the same way as the online reading. This will be set on a Thursday to be completed by the following Wednesday. If the homework is paper rather than online there will be a notification in the classroom door window indicating the task.

This term's home learning topic is about Old and New Toys relating to our History topic. Children need to choose 5-6 activities from the list to complete.

Supporting your child's learning at home:

There are a number of good, child-friendly websites, including www.topmarks.co.uk which is used frequently in school. This website covers all areas of the curriculum.

Phonics – www.phonicsplay.com This website is extremely useful for supporting your child's reading and phonics skills. In June children in Year 1 nationally take part in a phonics screening check which assess their phonics skills.

Home/School Contact

We ask that you stay in contact on a daily basis through our parent comment books. Please remind your child to hand it in each morning. If you have any queries or concerns, please see your class teacher in the mornings or afternoons or pop a message in their bag with them.

Uniform Expectations

Uniform	
Boys	Girls
Grey trousers or shorts Royal blue sweatshirt White school shirt or polo shirt Black or grey socks	Grey skirt, pinafore or trousers Royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan White school shirt or polo shirt Blue and white school dress in summer Black, grey or white socks or tights
Our school tie is optional Black school shoes that fasten securely with a low heel.	
PE White T-shirt, royal blue shorts, plimsolls or trainers. A tracksuit may be worn in the winter for outside lessons.	

Please ensure all uniform including P.E kit is **named**. Mislaidd items can then quickly be returned. No jewellery, including earrings, should be worn to school except for religious reasons. Please write to the headteacher if you wish to request this.

All children with long hair should wear their hair tied back with plain blue, black, brown hair accessories. Please leave all pretty hair accessories for home wear – thank you.

PE

Hedgehogs: Tuesday Morning and Wednesday Afternoon

Squirrels: Monday Morning and Wednesday Afternoon.

Please ensure that your child's PE Kit is in school from Monday to Friday each week, as there may be some changes to timetables.



Water Bottles

Tests have shown that regular access to water is essential for good learning. Water bottles can be purchased from the school office or you can bring one of your own in. Children should NOT bring juice or squash in. **PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD BRINGS IN A WATER BOTTLE EVERY DAY.**

Attendance

If your child is to achieve and fulfill their potential, they must be in school on time everyday. Your child's target for attendance is 95%.