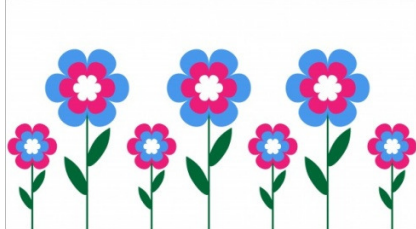


# Year 1

## Spring 1 Term Newsletter



**Welcome back and Happy New Year!**  
**We hope you had a good winter break.**



**What your child will be learning this term:**

### **Curriculum**

Art- Clay Sculptures  
Geography – Seasons  
ICT – Espresso Coding  
RE – Judaism- Who was Moses?  
Science - Materials  
PE – Games and Dance  
Music – Machines and Seasons  
PSHE – Going for Goals

**Numeracy** – We will be continuing to emphasise place value and number bonds in lessons as starters. This term we will also continue practising adding and subtracting, begin to count in multiples of 2s, 5s and 10s and look at 3D shapes.

### **Literacy**–

We will be looking at traditional tales as we start back to the term and children will be writing their own alternative story of The 3 Little Pigs. Following this our unit will be The Owl and the Pussycat. This will involve children creating their own drama retellings for parents to be invited in to watch. This will be on Friday 3rd February. We will send out more information nearer the time.

### **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](http://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk). Login details will be sent home 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 Seasons relating to our Geography 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](http://www.topmarks.co.uk) which is used frequently in school. This website covers all areas of the curriculum.

Phonics – [www.phonicsplay.com](http://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**

<b>Uniform</b>	
<b>Boys</b>	<b>Girls</b>
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.	
<b>PE</b> 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%.