



Year 1 Spring Term 2019

Happy New Year!

We hope you have all had a wonderful Christmas break and are excited and ready for the new term. Thank you for the presents and cards that we received.

Year 1 have already begun to settle quickly back into their routines during our topic days this week, focussing on Special Places.

Teaching will continue as last term: on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays Miss Farmer will be the class teacher, with Mrs Hewitson teaching Maths. On Thursdays and Fridays Mrs Hewitson will be the class teacher, with Mr Russell teaching PE. During the second half-term, Mr Pavey will also be teaching Forest School.

Mrs Henley, Miss Tyte and Miss Board will also be supporting the class throughout the week.

PE (1st and 2nd half term) and Forest School (2nd half term) are on a Thursday. Please make sure long hair is tied back and earrings are removed every Thursday.

Staying Healthy

A healthy snack for the second break is ideal to feed those brains, so please make sure it is in a **labelled**, reusable box. A reminder that your child needs **water only** in their drinks bottle. Please **do not** put squash or juice in your child's drinks bottle.

Oxford Owl website: www.oxfordowl.co.uk

A login has been set up to enable you to access the resources on this website at home. For parents/carers, there is lots of information about the Read, Write, Inc phonics scheme, and also about how to support your child with writing and maths. The children can read the free ebooks, so if your child has finished their reading book, please use these books online and record them in the reading record in the usual way. For children, there are also maths games to play, which we have had a look at in school today.

When you open up the website, please click on My Class Login, then enter these details:

username: oak1

password: oak1

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Subjects

Maths

This term, we will be continuing our work on adding and subtracting with numbers up to 20. The children will partition numbers up to 50 into tens and ones, and use this to help them compare and order numbers. We will start practising counting up and back in 2s, 5s and 10s. The children will learn how to use simple measuring equipment to measure length, weight and volume.

English

We will be focussing on Traditional Stories this term and looking at key features and structures that make up these fun tales! We will be retelling them and using them to help us practise our own story writing skills.

We will be developing the pre-cursive handwriting script we began learning last term to prepare children for joining their letters later on in Key Stage One. Please see below for a reminder of the correct letter formation for capital and lowercase letters.

Aa Bb Cc Dd Ee Ff Gg Hh Ii Jj Kk Ll Mm Nn Oo Pp Qq Rr Ss Tt Uu Vv Ww Xx Yy Zz

Science

This term we will be learning about Materials. We will work on identifying and naming a variety of materials, and describing their properties and what they can be used for.

During the term, we will continue to spot signs of the seasons and look for plants that are growing (hopefully the bulbs that we planted!).

Topic

Our RE Topic this half term is Special Places, with a focus on Christianity. The children have visited our village Church and learnt about some of its features.

During the second half term, our RE topic will be finding out about Judaism and how it compares to other religions and beliefs.

DT

In DT this term we will be exploring books with moving parts and looking closely at how they have been constructed.

If you have any books which you would like to share with the class, please feel free to send them in.

Homework in Year 1

Spellings will continue to be sent home each week in the yellow spelling book. We practise them in class, but please help your child learn them at home, too. Please make sure this book is in school **every MONDAY** when we assess how many words your child can remember.

Please make sure that **Maths Games** are returned to school **every WEDNESDAY**. They will be checked and a new game will be sent home on Thursday.



From this term, **Reading Records will be checked and Reading Books will be changed each week on a FRIDAY.** Please sign and comment in their Reading Record every time they have read to you at home. This could also include reading an ebook on the Oxford Owl website.

If your child has read their books and you have signed their reading record, then they can also ask to change their book before Friday.

In addition to your child’s reading book, they may bring home a book they have been sharing and practising during Phonics. Please make time to allow your child to read this text back to you and let them ‘be the teacher’ so they can enjoy sharing what they have been learning in class!

The children will also bring a **Picture Book** home to enjoy with you. These books can be returned to school and changed on a **FRIDAY.**

Learning Behaviours in Year 1

Throughout the school, all children are working hard to remember their learning behaviours. Here is a reminder of the ones we are focussing on in Year 1:

Risk taker		I know that it is fine to make mistakes and not say ‘I can’t’.
Keeping going		I will try before asking for help.
Aiming high		I will always try my best and be proud of my achievements.
Motivated and engaged		I will listen carefully to others and take part in all activities.
Taking responsibility		I will be responsible for my own belongings in school.
Respect		I will show respect for everyone in my school: other’s ideas belongings people
Team player		I will cooperate in a kind and caring way with other children.



Thank you for your support in helping your child to become independent with all aspects of school life.

If you have any questions, please do come and ask.

Miss Farmer, Mrs Hewitson and Year One Staff

