

Y1 Spring Term Newsletter 2024

Welcome to our Spring Term in Year 1!

Please try to encourage your children to come into the classroom by themselves in the morning and put their coats, bags and waterbottles away in the correct place. If you have any questions or anything you wish to pass on please let the member of staff on the gate know. I can then follow this up later on in the day. Also, please remember that toys and items from home are not to come into school as we do not wish for items to get damaged or lost.

Reading

Please continue to read your book bag books and share picture books. Remember, we'd like you to read at least 5 times per week and record it in your reading record. Children may also attend Book Worms on a Tuesday or Thursday 13:15-13:45 to read with an older child. Phonics books will come home after they have been read 3 times at school. This might be on different days to other children depending on the groups etc. We will aim to change reading books on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday each week but this might not always be possible. We will then catch up with changes as soon as is possible. We might also keep the bookbags overnight to enable us to change the books most effectively.

Phonics

Daily phonics takes place each morning, following the RWI scheme. There will be Phonics information workshop on Thursday 7th March for more information. A letter will be sent out closer to the time with all the information.

Spellings

Words are set for every child on Spellingframe. Please continue to access this and practise as much as possible. Also, practise writing the spellings out in your red home book, too. Remember you can use other words that follow the rule that is on the bookmark.

English

This term we are continuing to develop our phonological awareness through songs, poems and stories and our fine motor skills to help with our handwriting. When writing, we are focussing on sentence structure and punctuation of full stops and capital letters. We will focus on checking that our sentences have a subject (I, they, The United Kingdom) and a verb (went, are, lives, has) and that we have used a capital letter at the start of a proper noun (person or place). We will also be using a different book each week to learn new vocabulary and build out enjoyment of reading.

Maths

Each lesson begins with a recap of our previous learning which may be a song, game, a recap of a method learnt during the Autumn term or a practical challenge or task and some questions to answer.

We have started the term learning about place value within 20. We'll then move onto addition and subtraction, measuring length and height, then measuring mass and volume.

Other subjects

Science	Biology – Structure of trees, plants and animal groups.	Chemistry – Materials and properties Physics – Seasons
History/ Geography	The history of space travel	England
Art / DT	Colour – primary colours and mixing	Portable snack
PE	Dance Body action with emphasis on body shape and parts.	Gymnastics Jumping and balancing Sequencing Balance and twisting Rolling
Music	Classical music, dynamics and tempo	Musical vocabulary
PSHE	Keeping safe	Rights & Responsibilities

Thank you for your support.
Mrs Gosden, Oak Class.