

Year 1 Spring Newsletter

Dear Parents & Carers,

We have enjoyed welcoming all the children in Year 1 back to school after Christmas. It has been great to hear all about their holidays. We have already written diary entries about our favourite day! We have got lots of interesting topics for the children to explore this term. Here is an outline of some of the things we will be focusing on:

English

In English, this term we will be completing activities to develop reading, writing and speaking & listening skills. Using stories as a basis, including Amy Wu and the Warm Welcome and The Very Hungry Caterpillar, we will be writing in different styles and for different purposes. We will continue focussing on sentence structure, ensuring that capital letters, full stops and finger spaces are used correctly.



Maths

- Identify and record measurements, including length, width, volume & weight.
- Place value up to 50 – we will be focusing on understanding numbers to 50 and understanding tens and ones.
- Describe position, direction and movement, including whole, half, quarter and three-quarter turns. We will also move onto Time.
- Recognise and know the value of different denominations of coins.

Science

Materials! We will be looking at the properties of materials such as waterproof, transparent, translucent and opaque. We will conduct experiments during this topic and think about the best way to keep dry!

We will then move on to plants in Spring 2. We will look at wild and garden plants and think about what a plant needs.

Topic

This term our topic is 'Houses and Homes'. We will be looking at the different types of houses that we see around us and how this might compare to different countries and periods. We will also discover how our lives are different to people of the past.

P.E.

This term we will be focusing on dance and gymnastics. We will start with dancing to 'I just can't wait to be king.'

Homework and Spellings

- One piece of homework will continue to be sent home each **Friday**, to be returned no later than the following **Wednesday**. Homework will usually alternate between English and Maths with some topic and Science based work occasionally.
- We will set our spellings through EdShed. **1G** set on a Thursday, test to be completed by Wednesday evening. **1FM** will have spelling set on a Friday, test to be completed by Thursday evening.

Reading

- Each child should be reading as often as possible at home. In addition to our read write inc books, children will choose a library book each week. Library books are changed on a Monday. Read write inc books will be changed on a Wednesday.

Thank you for your continued support. We will be in contact regarding class assemblies and school trips.

The Year 1 team 😊