

# Year 1 Spring Newsletter



We are so proud of our Year 1's for all of their hard work and wonderful attitude to learning! This term we have lots more interesting topics for us to explore. Have a look at the things we are learning this term...

## Topic:

Our topic this term is 'Houses and Homes' where we will be exploring different habitats, including the ones we find in our area. We will be comparing the similarities and differences between homes in the past and homes today, considering location, building materials and design.

We will be conducting investigations and recording our results in different ways. There will be a school trip to further the children's understanding of this topic.

## English:

This term in English our topic will be 'All Things Great and Small' where we will continue to focus on a variety of stories. We will broaden the genre of books that we read so that the children are exposed to a range of fiction and non-fiction texts.

This will enable them to use different techniques in their writing. This term we will continue to focus on the use of capital letters, full stops and finger spaces when writing sentences and making sure that all of our letters are formed correctly with accurate sizing. We will also introduce a wider range of punctuation including exclamation marks and question marks.

With our story writing, we will focus on planning our own stories, exploring another character's viewpoint and developing setting descriptions.

The children will continue to have a 30-minute phonics session four times a week.

## Science:

This term we will be focussing on the following: Plants and Seasonal Changes.

In our Spring term we are learning all about plants! We will be identifying and naming a variety of common garden and wild plants including deciduous and evergreen trees and identifying and describing the basic structure of a variety of common flowering plants, including trees. We will explore our local environment throughout the topic to explore and answer questions about plants growing in our habitat. We will also be growing some plants of our own and investigating the best environment needed for plants to grow.

We will continue to observe the changes across the four seasons, paying particular attention to the changes between Winter and Spring. We will also observe and describe weather associated with the seasons and how day length changes. We will continue to work scientifically making tables, charts and displays about what happens in the world around us. This will all be linked closely to our Topic of 'Houses and Homes'.

## Maths:

This term in maths we will be looking at the following topics:

- Counting to and across 100, forwards and backwards.
- To count, read and write numbers to 100 in numerals.
- To count in multiples of 2, 5 and 10. (Looking at number patterns).
- To recognise and know the denominations of different coins and notes.
- To add and subtract one digit and two digit numbers to 20. Including missing number and the inverse.
- To solve one step addition and subtraction problems.
- Number bonds.
- Using measures including time, lengths/heights, mass/weight and capacity/volume.
- To describe position, directions and movements including half, quarter and three quarter turns.

## PE.

PE will take place on Wednesday and Friday for IJ and Tuesday and Wednesday for IR. This term our focus will be Multi skills, Gymnastics and Dance.

## Home Readers and Homework.

Children will be able to change their home reading book up to twice a week. This is to ensure children are reading with fluency and improving their comprehension. It has been explained to children that when they require a new book, they place their finished book and reading journal in the box which is located in the classroom. There will be one piece of homework set each week, which will be sent home on a Friday. This will usually be Maths or English, however there may be occasions when homework will be linked to the current topic. Homework is due back on a Wednesday. Please encourage your children to complete their homework in pencil to maintain consistency from within the classroom. Spellings will also be sent home on a Friday. Please support your child when learning their spellings; don't forget Look, See, Cover, Write, Check!