



Year 1 Newsletter – Spring 1 2024

Dear families,

The purpose of this newsletter is to provide you with information and reminders which we hope you and your child will find useful.

In our year group this term we will have the following adults;

Rose – Mr Lambourne

Foxglove – Miss Robinson

Snowdrop – Miss Garner (Year Lead)

Harebell – Miss Kearns

We also have the following TAs who will be supporting across the year group; Mrs Wright, Miss Maltese, Miss Gorham, Ms James, Mrs Dobrowolska and Mrs Hodgman who is our Lead TA.

Our PE coach is Miss Davis. Miss Tahara, Miss Hubbard and Mrs Fulford – Foy will also be teaching some lessons.

Maths

Our focus is;

- to identify and recognise the features of 3D shapes.
- counting in 2s, 5s and 10s.
- solving missing number problems.
- knowing one more or less than a number up to 100.
- solving addition and subtraction problems
- finding fractions of shapes and objects
- understanding weight, height, length and capacity.

English

Our focus is;

Reading

- using decoding skills to read sentences accurately.
- answering questions about what happened in a text.
- answering 'how' and 'why' questions.
- identifying the features of poems.

Writing

- Constructing and writing sentences, using the correct punctuation.
- Adding vocabulary for detail such as adjectives and similes.
- Spelling common exception words.
- Forming short narratives.
- Identifying and using prefixes and suffixes.
- Using conjunctions to add additional information to sentences.



Phonics

In RWI we will be continuing to focus on the decoding, blending and segmenting of words to support children's development in reading and spelling. Children are set into ability groups across Year 1. Remember to read your RWI e-book on the Oxford Owl website.

Library

As per our new reading approach we will be visiting the school library every week. This is a great opportunity for children to choose their own books they want to read with you at home. Year 1's day for the library is a **Friday**, please ensure your child has their library book with them every Friday so they can change it.

Science

In Science, the children are learning about weather and the seasons. As part of this, we will be exploring data from rain gauges and creating our own weather forecasts.

Geography

In Geography, children will be learning about the United Kingdom and the features, landmarks and traditions of each country within the UK.

Art

In Art, the children will be developing their understanding of how lines are used in art, with a focus on artists such as Paul Klee and Joan Miro.

P.E.

In PE, the children will be developing prosocial skills through dance.

PE will take place twice a week and on the following days:

Rose – Monday (Indoor) Wednesday (Outside)

Foxglove – Monday (Outside) Wednesday (Indoor)

Snowdrop – Monday (Indoor) Thursday (Outside)

Harebell – Monday (Indoor) Thursday (Outside)

Information regarding PE kit can be found on the year group page of the website. Please ensure your child has PE kit appropriate for outdoor PE during the Autumn and Winter months.

PSHE/RE

In PSHE, we are looking at how we can celebrate our achievements and how we feel when we achieve our goals. In RE, we are focusing on friendship and looking at different stories where Jesus acted as a good friend.

Music



In music, we will be working on developing our listening skills and how we perform different songs.

Computing

In computing we will be looking at developing the children's ICT skills by focussing on creating and manipulating digital artwork including creating a digital character using our ICT suite.

Water Bottles

Please ensure your child has a named water bottle (containing only water) with them every day. It is important for children to stay hydrated as part of their general well-being.

Wellbeing

We go outside in all weathers so please ensure that children come to school with a warm and waterproof coat with a hood, as well as named hats, gloves and scarves when needed. To support staff with finding misplaced items, please ensure that all coats and jumpers taken into school are clearly named.

We look forward to another amazing half term in Year 1!

Yours sincerely,

Year 1 Class teachers