



Year 1 Newsletter – Spring 2 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 and Mr Powell. Miss Tahara, Miss Hubbard and Mrs Fulford – Foy will also be teaching some lessons.

Maths

Our focus is;

- counting in 2s, 5s and 10s.
- position
- telling the time to the hour and half past the hour
- Sequencing events
- Number bonds to 10 and 20

English

Our focus is;

Reading

- using decoding skills to read sentences accurately.
- using the context of sentences to read unfamiliar words.
- making predictions about texts.
- identifying the features of diaries.

Writing

- Constructing and writing sentences.
- Using story language
- Using a range of punctuation to create different sentence types
- Identifying and using prefixes and suffixes.
- Using conjunctions to add additional information to sentences
- Editing sentences to fix spelling and punctuation mistakes.



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 how to take care of the environment. As part of this we will learn about pollution, logging, natural and manufactured resources. We will create posters to raise awareness of pollution and its affects.

History

In History, children will be learning about Parliament and the role of the Prime Minister. Children will also have the chance to vote for imaginary parties based on their policies.

DT

In DT, the children will be designing and creating a sock puppet. This will give them the opportunity to develop skills relating to the joining of fabric, with sewing a particular focus. For this, we are asking the children to bring in an old sock that they will use for the base of their sock puppet.

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 – Thursday (Indoor) Monday (Outside)

Foxglove – Thursday (Indoor) Monday (Outside)

Snowdrop – Wednesday (Indoor) Thursday (Outside)

Harebell – Wednesday (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 Winter and early Spring months.

PSHE/RE

In PSHE, we are looking at the importance of being healthy and how it makes our body feel. In RE, we are thinking about the people we admire along with why Christians admire Jesus and looking at the Easter story.



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