



How to Help at Home



We would like to thank you for your support at home during the Autumn Term. This term, your child will continue to receive a reading book which can be changed as much as your child requires. We would like to remind you that there is a box in our classroom for your child to place it in, once it is finished and they will receive a new one by the end of the day. When reading with your child, you can help develop their comprehension skills by asking them questions about the story. For example about the events in the story, the characters and making predictions. Children now have a weekly spelling quiz, and it is important that they practise writing these words at home. The words in the quiz will follow a spelling pattern taught to the children that week. They will also receive a red word (common exception word).

Special Requests

- Please bring your child's PE kit at the start of each half term so children are prepared for each lesson. We will send these home for the half term holidays.
- Please ensure your child has a water bottle in school.
- Reading diaries and reading books need to be brought to school everyday.
- Please label all your child's uniform and PE kit.



Dates for the Diary



February

Tuesday 5th February
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 Monday 11th February
 Tuesday 12th February
 Wednesday 13th February

Safer Internet Day
 Valentines Disco
 Homework progress check
 Parent Consultations
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Monday 18th - Friday 22nd February Half Term

Thursday 28th February

NSPCC Speak Out, Say Safe Assemblies

March

Thursday 7th March
 Monday 11th March
 Friday 15th March

World Book Day
 Homework progress check
 Comic Relief

April

Monday 1st April

Homework progress check

Monday 8th April - Monday 22nd April Easter Holidays

Tuesday 23rd April

Back to school



If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Cowan, Miss Bunce, Mrs Rippon, Mrs Neve or Mrs Girling.

Curriculum Overview



Year 1



Spring Term



Welcome



What a busy and exciting first term we have had in Year 1! We would like to thank you all for your support so far and we look forward to the term ahead!



English Overview



This Spring Term, your child will continue to learn English through our highly successful Read Write Inc. programme along with exciting writing opportunities linked to some wonderful stories, as well as cross-curricular writing.

Phonics and Reading

We will be further developing our phonics skills, learning to 'Fred-in-our-head' (blend words without sounding out loud) to become more confident, fluent readers. We will also be focusing on 'Alien' words (nonsense words), as well as real words, to help children become more confident with their sounds and blending. We will be developing our skills of prediction and inference (what the text implies) through reading a number of familiar and new stories. Your child will be joining in with repeated phrases and rewriting stories to develop their understanding of story structure.

Writing and SPaG

This term, we will be continuing to develop our understanding of grammar and punctuation when writing sentences and longer pieces of writing. We will continue to base this around stimulating stories and texts. Your child will also be learning how to use basic suffixes (word endings - s, es, ed, er, est and ing). Children will learn how to spell words using the sounds and patterns we've explored in our English lessons, as well as spellings from the Year 1 common exception word list.



Maths Overview



This term, we will be further developing your child's counting and number recognition skills up to 20 and then to 50, learning how to represent these numbers in different ways, such as with tens and ones, with tens frames and other equipment. This is integral to your child's understanding of numbers and will lead to a more secure understanding when adding and subtracting these numbers. We will also be learning to count in 2s, 5s and 10s.

Later in the term, we will be learning to measure length and height using basic equipment, moving on to using centimetres and metres as standard measurements. Similarly, we will move on to using standard units of measurement and problem solving when learning to measure weight.

Through all of our Maths, we will be looking at different ways to apply our knowledge through real life, relevant contexts to embed understanding.



Science Overview



During the Spring Term, your child will continue to learn about animals. They will identify and name a variety of common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals and compare the structure of them. Children will also develop an understanding of carnivores, herbivores and omnivores.

Later in the term, children will gain a knowledge of a variety of everyday materials. They will compare and group them by their physical properties.

We will also continue to observe the different weather and discuss the length of daylight during each season.



Our Curriculum



RE: This term, we will continue to explore different aspects of Christianity. We will give children the opportunity to visit a church to give them first hand experience of the place of worship. Children will also develop their understanding of the different Christian festivals and celebrations.

History / Geography: In History, your child will be learning about Neil Armstrong. They will begin by generating their own questions they would like to know about him and use a range of resources to find the answers e.g. books, and the internet. Children will sequence events in Neil Armstrong's life in chronological order and compare his first moon landing to Tim Peake's visit to space. In Geography, children will develop their ability to use a map. They will locate the UK on a world map and use simple compass directions (north, south, east and west) to describe the locations of various features.

Art / Music / DT: This term, our focus in Art is textiles. Children will learn how to weave using paper and then be extended onto using different fabrics. They will design their own flag for a space suit, make it and then evaluate it. In DT, children will also design, make and evaluate a product using different materials. In Music, your child will explore and control dynamics, duration, and timbre with voices, body percussion, and instruments

Computing: Children will develop their computing skills using our new Purple Mash computing scheme and will have their own login to use in school. This term, your child will create pictograms on the computer. From this they will understand that data can be represented in a picture format and use them to record results. Children will also follow and create instructions on the computer.

PE: This term, your child will have PE every Monday and Thursday. On a Monday your child will develop their dance skills. They will learn how to move confidently and safely, explore movements and compose and perform dance phrases. This will be linked to our Science work on weather and seasons. Every Thursday they will enjoy Little Kickers sessions where your child will develop their football skills.



Creative Homework



We hope that the Creative Homework tasks your children can choose from are activities you can all enjoy being involved in. We would like to thank you for all your support and this term we would like you to encourage your child to do their writing in their book. Children have regular progress checks which are found on the bottom of the task sheet and we look forward to them sharing their work with the class during these checks. We hope as many children as possible receive a certificate for their hard work!



Out and About



This term we will be arranging an educational visit linked to our learning. Once we have more details, we will send home a letter informing you.