

# 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**

In maths we will begin by consolidating our place value knowledge, and then extending this to the value of 50. In our measure topics, we will identify and record measurements, including length, width, volume & weight and recognise and know the value of different denominations of coins. We will also move on to time. In geometry, we will describe position, direction and movement, including whole, half, quarter and three-quarter turns.

## **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 to grow and survive.

## **Topic**

This term our topic is 'Homes in the Past'. We will be looking at the different types of houses that we see around us and how this might compare to different time periods. When looking at how our homes have changed over time, we will ask questions and understand the impact that technology has had.

## **P.E.**

This term we will be focusing on dance, gymnastics, fitness and tennis. 1B will have their P.E. days on a Monday and Thursday, and 1R's will be on a Tuesday and Thursday.

## **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. **Again, these will be set on a Friday, following a spelling lesson that day. Spelling games are optional, and spelling tests must be completed before the following Friday.**

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

The Year 1 team ☺