

Extra Information...

Homework— Homework will be sent out on a Friday and collected on a Thursday. Detention for incomplete homework or homework not brought in by Thursday is on Friday lunchtime. Homework Club is available on Monday and Wednesday lunchtime for children to attend for extra support. Please discuss this with the class teacher if needed. Please remember to practice the spellings stars card each week with your child in addition to weekly spellings sent home. Can they achieve bronze, Silver or gold this half term?

PE Days—Year 1 will have PE on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

Outdoor learning— Outdoor learning will be on a Wednesday afternoon and the focus for this half term will be looking at the weather and how it effects the world around us.

Educational Experiences— The children will be taking part in releasing balloons as part of our topic on Splendid skies.

Reading—Children should read each night with an adult and bring their reading folder into school each morning. Reading books will be changed on a Monday and Friday. Children will be given two books. The children should use their reading time to develop both their reading and comprehension skills, through questioning. Please remember to share with your child their phonics book. Attached are a number of appropriate questions that you can ask your child either while reading or at the end of their book.

Year 1 Newsletter



Spring Term 2nd Half

This half term we will be studying...

English—The children will be continuing with the phonics programme. They are going to be focusing on completing sentences, writing in role, adding description to their sentences and writing from their experiences. The children will be given the opportunity to read different genres of books. They will also be looking at writing in different genres. They will be writing letters, recounts of events, posters and reports. In addition to their reading book children will be bringing home a book from their phonics lessons. It is important to spend time sharing these books with your child and allowing them time to share with you. Please see the attached leaflet for more information.

Also this half term year 1 will be taking part in reading comprehension lessons. These will be based around our class text, looking at the books in more detail and answering questions about the book.

Our class text focus for this half term is books about the weather. This will then link to our cornerstones topic, looking at different weathers.

GPS— This half term year 1 will be ensuring they are secure in the use of capital letters and full stops. They will be focusing on plurals and adding -s and -es to words. The children will also have a focus on compound words and experiencing using these in their writing.

We will also be focusing on spellings and ensuring the children know the year 1 common exception words and spelling families. These will be sent out as homework and practiced within daily sessions. Your child will be tested on their spellings star card throughout the term.

Maths— This half term the children will be focusing on number facts, looking at doubling and halving numbers and multiplication and division. They will be learning about fractions of numbers, shapes and quantities.

Cornerstones Topic- Our cornerstones topic for this half term is **Splendid Skies**

Cornerstones—During this half term the children in year 1 are going to be looking at the weather all around us. We will be looking at and investigating the four different seasons in England and abroad.

They will have the opportunity to produce their own weather reports and explore the weather in other countries.

Year 1 will have the opportunity to express different weather through pieces of art and also look at extreme weathers and their effects.

Science—Science will link to our cornerstones topic . We are going to be setting up an investigation about how much rain we have during a week and using the information to create tables and bar charts. The children will also have the opportunity to investigate which materials and clothes best fit which seasons and learn about the water cycle and why we have rain.

Computing— This half term the children are going to be following a coding programme. They will be inputting and following instructions.

PE—This half term both sessions of P.E will be focusing on dance. There will be a story focus for the children to follow each week and create a dance and movements around the story.

Music—This half term the children will be looking at 'Rhythm in the way we walk.'

MFL—During Spanish this half term the children will be learning about family members.

RE—Our RE topic this term will be 'Easter- Celebrating new life.' The children will be learning about the story of Easter and how during this time we think about new life and new beginnings.

PSHE/ SRE— During this half term the children will be looking at feeling positive. This will involve how we can make ourselves and others feel positive about us and how we can promote positivity as a class.