



Year 1 Spring Newsletter



Happy New Year and welcome back to all of our children, parents and carers. We have had a lovely start to our term and children have been working very hard and shown determination in all aspects of their work. Please read our newsletter for important information regarding the Spring Term.

Important Information:

Start time: School doors will open at 8:40 and close at 8:55am.

Finish time: 3:10pm

Children must come to school wearing full school uniform. This includes plain black footwear with no logos.

PE Days: Our PE days will be Thursday and Friday. Please can PE kits remain in school for the duration of the half term as PE days may change. Please can children bring a PE kit into school consisting of a plain dark green t-shirt, black shorts/joggers, plimsolls and appropriate outdoor footwear.

Children should not be wearing jewellery for PE and hair should be tied up away from the face.



Class Dojo and Seesaw:

Please continue to use class dojo regularly to keep up with any messages from school. You can also contact your child's class teacher there to send a private message. In Year 1, we will continue to use 'Seesaw'. This is a great app that allows you to be able to see your child's fantastic learning! Please make sure you sign up to this if you need guidance please speak to your child's teacher

Home and Away

During this topic, children will learn about where they live. They will explore continents, the countries that make up the United Kingdom, their capital cities and surrounding seas.

In Science they will be investigating animals including humans.

In Computing they will create a digital pictogram of how they travel to school. In Art they will be studying the work of artist Paul Klee. As a designer, children will design and create their own English food dish. In History, children will explore the different modes of travel and transport.

Home Learning:

We are continuing with our whole school reading initiative '**Read for the Stars**'. Please can you continue to read with your child regularly at home. The expectation for KS1 is that the children **read at home 4 times a week**. We are excited to see who will reach the Sun next!

The additional phonically decodable book will also be sent home to read, as well as a book of each child's choice to read at home together. This is for reading for pleasure.

Please write in your child's reading journal when they have read with you so that books can be changed when required.

Please ensure that reading books come into school every day.

Children will receive spellings on a Monday on paper and Class Dojo, these can then be learned over the week and will be tested the following Friday. The children will compete against other classes to get the highest average score to be in with the chance to become 'Royal Spelling Bee' for that week!

Thank you from the Year 1 Team — Mrs Jatwa, Mrs Douthwaite and Mrs Poulson.

