

Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter (Spring Term 2017)

Welcome back! I hope that you have a wonderful and relaxing Christmas break. We are all excited to get going with the Spring Term and have lots of exciting opportunities planned for the children. In order to enable you to support your child's learning at home, we have outlined below some of the topics that we will be learning this term:

English	We will be continuing to consolidate and build on our phonic sounds. We will be placing greater emphasis in applying this in our reading and writing this term. We will be focussing on using our imagination to write our own stories. Particular focus will be given to using descriptive language to add detail to our ideas and using correct punctuation to demarcate sentences. We will also be looking at a range of non-fiction texts and exploring various text features.
Maths	This term we will be consolidating our number knowledge by continuing to use different strategies to solve addition and subtraction problems, such as number counting apparatus and lines. The children will be learning to tell the time and solving simple problems related to time. Children will be given opportunities to read the time to the hour and half hour using analogue clocks. We will also be looking at money and making different amounts using a range of coins.
Science	We will be learning about parts of the body and comparing different animals. Children will be naming parts of the body and identify similarities and differences among humans and other living animals.
Topic/ Foundation subjects.	Maps (Geography), looking at the lives of Explorers including Christopher Columbus and Neil Armstrong (History), showing respect for others and their beliefs (RE), how to live healthily (PSHE), Movement, dance, kicking skills and improving their coordination(P.E.), Preparing fruits and vegetables (DT), Singing and rhythms (Music)

Home learning

We would really appreciate it if you could continue to assist your child and support them in their Home Learning activities:

Subject	Guidance
Spellings	These will be given out every Friday and tested the following Friday.
Home Learning Matrix	Set every other Thursday and returned within 2 weeks. The Learning Matrix includes a range of written, mathematical and creative tasks. Please choose only one task every 2 weeks.
Reading	Children are expected to read their guided reading book once a week. We would appreciate it if you could sign the reading diary after you read with your child at home and ensure this is returned along with the guided reading book on your child's reading day. This will allow your child to be issued a new book.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to speak with me.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes,

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