

Year 1 Newsletter - Spring Term 2018

Hello everyone! Happy New Year and welcome back to the Spring term 2019. I cannot believe we are already in the Spring term! We have a class full of confident learners who know the school and its expectations very well and whom are hungry for the next learning challenge. Some general notices... I will be with the class until February half term after which Ms. Browne will be taking over the Year 1 class responsibilities. You will begin to see Ms. Browne in the classroom as the weeks go by so please feel free to come and say hello! Also, Mrs. Hall will be with the Year 1 class until half term. Mrs. Hall is very well known to the children and is a very experienced year 1 practitioner. We have had a few items of school uniform/snack pots go astray lately and we are looking to make sure it is all returned to the rightful owners. Please ensure that all your children's things are labelled correctly. We have a 'Jumper Dumper' in the classroom and encourage children to out all their jumpers/cardigans in here. There is a wide selection of after school activity clubs happening at POW this term! If you are interested in any of them please book on at the school office.

Things to Remember...

- Healthy Snacks - We are a healthy school and we will be persistent in our push for children to bring in a healthy snack/lunch to school. Fruit is always freely available to all children at break time.
- We have a 48 hour policy for sickness.
- Please inform us if your child is absent from school and bring in any letters for appointments.
- Please continually check your child's book bag for letters/books/certificates. Letters will be coming home on a Wednesday.

Dates

- Parent information session - Tuesday 14th Jan
- Late parents evening - Tuesday 4th Feb
- Early parents evening - Wednesday 5th Feb
- Themed week - 10th-13th Feb
- Inset day - Friday 14th Feb
- Half term - 17th-21st Feb
- World Book Day - 5th Mar
- Year 1 class assembly - Friday 6th Mar
- End of term - Friday 3rd April

Kits

PE will continue to occur on a Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. This half term we will be covering Dance and Gymnastics in PE through different stimulus.

Home learning

As the year progresses we will continue to promote our home learning projects - these can be found in the Knowledge Organisers that came home! Please remember that these are not compulsory but we do encourage all children to see them as a useful link between learning in school and learning at home. The home learning wallets by the door will continue to be

Spelling & Handwriting

Spellings will continue to be sent home on a Friday for the following week. It really does make such a difference with a couple of practices through the week. Thank you with your support for this so far.

As the year goes on we will be focusing a portion of our attention to getting all children's handwriting ready for the next stage of learning - cursive writing. I will share some of the strategies and tools we use in school to help children in the parent information session next week.

Learning

Through the Autumn term the children really became confident with the style of independent learning that we are trying to foster in the classroom. This gives children the freedom to choose their own learning space as well as every child accessing the same activities every week.

This term we will be covering 2 main topics: The Jolly Postman's Journeys and Space. There is also a themed week thrown in too but more info will follow on this.

Show and Tell

The children in this year's Year One are particularly keen to bring in items of interest from home to show to their classmates and to talk about. This term we would like to (generally) restrict this to bringing in a **book** for this purpose. I will choose a group of children each week to be our Book Show-and-tellers. They should be able to talk about the book and perhaps read an excerpt from it. Any questions please come and see me.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. Chris Gibson
Year 1 Class Teacher