

Year 1 Newsletter - Spring Term 2018

Hello everyone! Happy new year and welcome back to the Spring term 2019. It was this time last year that children had settled into the routines of the reception class and now look where we are! 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... We will be joined by Mr. Gall this term. Mr. Gall is a student who you will see lots of in the classroom. Miss White will rejoin us in the Summer term.

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 set up 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 15th Jan
- Late parents evening - Tuesday 5th Feb
- Early parents evening - Wednesday 6th Feb
- Themed week - 11th-14th Feb
- Inset day - Friday 15th Feb
- Half term - 18th-22nd Feb
- Book week - 4th-8th Mar
- World Book Day - Thursday 7th Mar
- Year 1 class assembly - Friday 8th Mar

Kits

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

Forest will also continue on a Wednesday afternoon. Every child will have a session every other week. Please ensure that your child has got some wet clothes as well as a pair of wellies in school.

Home learning

As the year progresses there will be more home learning projects that are sent home for you to have a go at. 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 updated regularly so please

check these for activity sheets.

Spelling & Handwriting

Spellings will continue to be sent home on a Wednesday 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. Activities in morning tubs will reflect this more and I will share some of the strategies and tools we use in school to help children in this area.

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 Great Fire of London and Space. There is also a themed week thrown in too but more info will follow on this.

Yours faithfully,

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