

Year One Spring Term 2024

Dear parents

Hope you've all had a wonderful Christmas. Our theme this term is **Where I live**. Our focus in **geography** will be our local area. We will be taking a walk around the area looking for human and physical features and talking about what we like and dislike about where we live. We will also do some map and compass work. One of the key objectives is for the children to know their own address. Quite a lot of them already do but if your child does not could you please help them to learn it.



In **maths** we will be developing children's understanding of place value and addition and subtraction of the numbers to 20.

In year one we aim to give your child a love of reading this is because reading is one of the key features of a child's success in school. We aim to make your child a fluent, confident reader and as they move through KS1 we hope to see your child developing good comprehension skills. We do this through daily **RWI** sessions, whole class text lessons and sitting as a class and enjoying a story. We expect children to read at least 3 times a week—this is part of their weekly homework. It does not have to be a full book, it could be a few pages but it's important that this activity is a shared one and we ask you to please sign their reading card and return it to school daily. In addition during **English** lessons we are continuing talk for writing so the children will still be bringing home story maps and learning signifiers to help them learn stories by heart. The first one you will be hearing is an instructional text 'How to make fairy dust'.

In **science** we will again explore the changing seasons and how they affect our life but we will also be looking at everyday materials. The children will learn a number of materials and what they are used for and be able to investigate some properties of these materials.

In **art** we will continue to develop our art and design skills. We will practise mixing colours to make different shades and do some printing. The children will also learn how to use a sketchbook to record ideas and practise skills.

In **D&T** we will look at the difference between fruits and vegetables and make our own smoothie which will link to our **Jigsaw** work on being healthy and safe. Also in Jigsaw this term we will be looking at setting goals and how to achieve these goals.

During **computing** lessons this term the children will be learning how to program a robot using BeeBot. The children will also continue to develop their skills using a computer or laptop during our weekly library sessions.

In **RE** lessons we will talk about where and how different people worship and in **music** lessons children will continue to develop their listening and singing skills along with musicianship using a variety of songs.

Our **PE** days are a Monday and a Wednesday. Children do need a full PE kit consisting of white t-shirt, blue/black shorts and sandshoes/trainers. It would be great if children could put their kit in a bag which is then kept on their peg until half term so it is always there when needed. We will be developing our dance skills this term and also exploring games that use racquets and balls.

Spellings are sent out weekly on a Friday to be tested the following Friday
Reading — at least 3 times a week (please sign your child's reading card).

Thank you for your support.

Ms Clark

