

Year 1 Newsletter



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Spring Term

Phonics & Composition

In the Spring Term we will learn;



- The sounds for Phase 5 part 1 and 2 graphemes. E.g. r-oy-a-l and d-aw-n.
- How to spell Year 1 common exception words.
- To develop our handwriting to write a range of sentences.
- Writing about the stories 'Toys in Space' and 'Traction Man' and writing instructions.



Maths

In the Spring Term we will be learning about numbers within 20.

We will practise our counting skills, compare numbers and work on our understanding of place value within 20. E.g. 14 has 1 ten and 4 ones. We will then apply this knowledge to add and subtract numbers within 20.

Science

Spring 1 – Materials. We will learn about everyday materials and their properties. We will conduct experiments to test which materials are waterproof or absorbent and transparent or opaque.

Spring 2 – Seasonal Changes. We will be learning about weather patterns and how these change throughout the year.

Wider Curriculum



History – Our topic is the history of toys! We will be comparing old toys and modern toys and discuss how toy making has changed over time.

Geography - Our topic is Weather. We will be recording observations of the weather in our local area and we will be investigating how weather differs around the world.

PSHE – We will explore the theme 'keeping safe'.

RE - Our Key Questions are; Was it always easy for Jesus to show friendship? And Why was Jesus welcomed like a king or celebrity by the crowds on Palm Sunday?

Music - We will explore different musical structures with songs linked to machines and weather.

Art – We will explore the artist 'Georgia O'Keefe' and look at the ways she represented nature in her artwork.

DT – This half term we will design and make our own bridge. We will test the strength of the bridge by riding a toy car over it!

PE

Spring 1 - Balancing skills. We will also learn simple attacking and defence strategies to play Benchball.

Spring 2 – Ball skills. We will focus on passing, dribbling and shooting in Football.

How can you help at home?

Reading – please promote reading as much as possible by engaging with the book your child brings home and other books they may enjoy. This can be them reading to you, or you reading to them.

Calculation – Revise addition and subtraction. Our favourite game is Hit the Button, which can be found on Top Marks. There are also some great games on Purple Mash.

[Hit the Button - Quick fire maths](#)

[Purple Mash by 2Simple](#)

Dojo – please engage with dojo as much as possible. The children love seeing when parents have viewed and liked posts.

Key Dates

Friday 31st January – Team Building Day
Wednesday 5th February – Valentines Disco
Monday 10th February – Come and Join us morning
Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th March – Parents Evening
Thursday 6th March – World Book Day
Friday 21st March – Red Nose Day

