

Year 1 Newsletters – Spring Term

What a great first term we had in Year 1. The progress made by the children in terms of their academic skills and personal and social skills have been wonderful to watch. We have had such a lovely term getting to know the children and watching them grow. Particular highlights for us included our DT theme day where the children showed some super skills using knives to chop fruit and vegetable and also our walk around the local area looking at different houses for our Geography topic! We can't wait to see what spring term brings!

What we will be learning this term:

English – We will begin the new term by starting a book called 'The Odd Egg'. The children will develop a range of skills to help them write a diary. After this, they will read the book 'Dinosaurs and All that Rubbish'. The children will draw on all their skills to write their own story based on the text. They will finish the term by reading 'Wild' by Emily Hughes. We are really looking forward to seeing how the children's writing develops over the term. They are making great progress.

Phonics- The children are making some super progress in their phonics lessons. The children are still grouped according to the assessments we have been completing and we are using this information to help support children with gaps in their knowledge. Miss Goddard's group are now learning phase 5 sounds, where they are being taught that some graphemes (the way the letters are written) have more than one sound. In Mrs Quain's group, children are recapping phase 4 in preparation for the start of Phase 5 sounds. Please remember to visit the Little Wandle Parents page if you want to learn more. <https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

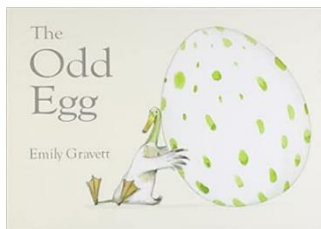
Please do come and speak to us if you have any worries, concerns or if you would like to know more about how you can support your child.

Reading – Children will continue to read 3 times a week. We are very pleased with the progress being made. All children have been reassessed in their phonics groups. As a result, some groups have changed. Some children will have moved on in their reading and you may find they are reading a different phase. Some children will have remained reading the same phase. You may find that your child is bringing home a book that they have already read. This is a great opportunity to practise fluency skills. In addition to this, children will still have the opportunity to visit the library and bring home a book for pleasure.

Maths – In maths we will be revisiting the skills we learnt last term such as place value and addition and subtraction. This time the numbers will be slightly higher and the children will be applying their learning in different ways. The children will be also learning about measurement, including length, height, weight and volume.

Science – We start out science this term by building on our knowledge of plants. The children will learn about the structure of plants and name their plants. We will also be learning to compare and group a range of everyday materials as well as embarking into a new area of science: light!

Art – We will be working on our paint skills this term and using the artist Jean Metzinger for inspiration. We will be creating our own landscape painting.



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Design and Technology – We will be designing our own moving picture using sliders and leavers. The children will need to think carefully about how to make their picture interactive using levers, wheels and winding mechanisms. The children will go through the process of designing, making and then evaluating their own work.

History – In History, we will be learning about British Monarchs. We will be focusing on Elizabeth I and Queen Victoria.

Geography – We will be learning about capital cities within the UK! Children will learn to name capital cities and discuss the main landmarks within them. They will then begin to learn about physical geography and be able to describe the physical characteristics of our cities.

PSHE – In these lessons the children will continue to learn about the Zones of Regulation and identifying ways to recognise and manage our emotions.

RE – In RE we will be learning about the key concept of change and we will be exploring this through the theme of People Jesus Met.

Computing – We will be starting a programming unit this term by learning how to move a robot. They will identify what each floor robot command does and use that knowledge to start predicting the outcome of programs.

PE – We will be continuing with our gymnastics, building upon skills we have learned as well as learning more complex movements. In outdoor PE, we will be continuing to work on our basic movement and precision when moving with a ball.

Music – We have been learning about melody and pitch. We will be doing this through learning to sing a variety of songs.

Key Dates

Monday 6th January – Term begins

Monday 20th January – INSET day

Week beginning 17th Feb - HALF TERM

Things going on:

Monday 27th January – Explorer Dome visit at Harefield

Tuesday 28th January – Question of Faith Day