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## Key Stage 1 Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

The second term in Key Stage 1 has come around quickly. It seems only a short time since the children were beginning the new school year! We are all looking forward to another hardworking and successful term where we will continue to make learning fun for your children and watch them develop and grow.

In **English**, our main focus will be stories with significant authors, poetry and non-fiction explanations, descriptions and instructions. There will be an emphasis on Roald Dahl and Nick Butterworth as authors with a particular focus on animals and their habitats. Within the class the children will work individually, in pairs or in groups and one group per day will participate in a guided reading session with the teacher. This provides an opportunity to hear children read, discuss the texts and answer comprehension questions about the text. In Year 1, we will continue working towards our phonics screening check and the children will begin to bring some phonics homework home at the end of the week. If your child has a keyword keyring, please continue to support your child in learning these words by sight. We will be continuing our **SPAG** (spelling, punctuation and grammar) and we cannot emphasise enough how important this is in the curriculum.

**Maths** will continue with number work and problem solving, along with shape, measuring and time. The children need to practise number bonds to 10 and 20, counting in 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s, counting forwards and backwards in 10s from any number. We will be showing the children various methods to complete questions on the 4 number operations. Please continue to practise mental maths skills, such as times tables and number bonds, at home on a daily basis.

Our topic is based around the notion of '**The Wonderful Woods**' and is linked to the Roald Dahl story of 'Fantastic Mr Fox' and the Nick Butterworth series of 'Percy the Park Keeper' stories. This will allow the children to explore animals and their habitats in a fun and engaging way.

In **DT**, we shall be looking at the design and making of a wheelbarrow/cart incorporating moving wheels and axels. Our **Art** will include mark making, patterns and working with different textures. We will look at the artist Steven Brown and the children will be given the opportunity to replicate his techniques. In **Music**, we will be learning about different aspects of music such as timbre, tempo and dynamics. The children will be learning some songs about nature and animals.

In **Computing**, we will be using PowerPoint to create presentations. The Year 2s will be introduced to coding by using apps such as Scratch Junior, A.L.E.X and Beebot. These are all downloadable apps.

This term during indoor **PE**, we will be carrying out a variety of gymnastic, dance and floor work activities. For PE, the children need both an indoor and an outdoor PE kit in school at all times as outdoor sessions vary depending on the weather. Please continue to clearly label your child's P.E kit to avoid any confusion or the loss of any kits.

- **Indoor kit** - blue shorts and white t-shirt.
- **Outdoor kit** - jogging bottoms, sweatshirt/warm top and trainers.



Our work in **RE** this term involves thinking about Leaders and Followers and then the Easter story. In **PSHCE**, we will be looking at setting goals and why it is important to give ourselves targets. We will be also looking at how to cope with success and failure.

We appreciate there are always so many things to remember so we thought that you might like a reminder as to when things are sent home and when things need to be returned to school. We will continue to keep you updated as and when other information needs to be passed on.

**Reading Books** - Reading books will be sent home on a Tuesday to be brought back by the Thursday and then sent home again on the Friday to be brought back on Monday. **It is important to hear your child read aloud as often as possible and please comment in your child's reading record noting how they have coped with the book.** Daily readers are to be returned every day please.

**Homework Books** - These are sent home on a Friday and need to be returned to school by the following Tuesday, so that the new homework can be set.

**Practise Make Perfect** - Year 1 will have phonics homework set in their 'Practise makes perfect' books to complete over the weekend.

**Abacus** - Please encourage your child to use Abacus as their class teacher will set them tasks to assist their learning on a weekly basis.

**Spelling Shed** - We have introduced Spelling Shed for the Year 2s to consolidate the spelling rules they are required to know by the end of year 2.

**Marvellous Me** - We would like to thank you for your continued support, especially with the activities set on Marvellous Me. This is making a real difference to your child's love of learning and provides them with the opportunity to develop independence in their learning. If you require the code to access Marvellous Me on a new phone, please speak to your child's class teacher as we send important messages frequently.

**Dates for this term:**

Bright Futures Week

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February.

Half term Holiday

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February.

Parent Consultations

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March.

Easter Holiday

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April

Children return to school Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April

The dates for the class assembly this term are as follows:

Mrs Lake and Mrs Antonini's Class Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January at 9.45am

Mrs Chambers' Class Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 9.45am

Mr Robinson's class Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 9.45am

Mrs Brown's class Friday 20<sup>nd</sup> March at 9.45am

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continuing support with all areas of school life.

Mrs Brown  
Mr Robinson

Mrs Lake/Mrs Antonini  
Mrs Elwell

Mrs Chambers  
Mrs Lewis