



Year 1

Half Termly Update

Spring Term 1

Dear Parents,

Happy new year! We hope you had a lovely winter break and a great start to the new year. We are excited for the year ahead and cannot wait to get started with teaching. It is set to be a cold half term, so please make sure your child is wrapped up warm every day.

Please see below for information about this half term. If you have any questions, please let us know.

Year 1 Team

English

During this term, we will be continuing to focus more on the basic writing skills Year 1 children need to become secure in such as writing on the line, using capital letters, full stops and spaces between words. We will read a number of exciting books, including: *We're Going on a Bear Hunt* by Michael Rosen and *The Gruffalo* by Julia Donaldson.

Phonics

The Year 1 children have made good progress with their phonics. Each day they attend their phonics group to help them build on their reading ability. They learn how to decode and segment words. As children keep practising their sounds and books at home, they will become more fluent and confident with their reading. We always encourage a passion and love for reading therefore it is advised that you read with your child for at least 15 minutes every day.

Maths

We will be building on the children's knowledge of numbers to 20 and looking at numbers to 50. They will be taught how to count forwards and backwards to 50 whilst also being shown how to read and write numbers in both digits and words. Later in the half term, children will begin to look at measurement, where they will learn new mathematical vocabulary. They will also compare, describe and solve practical problems for length and height, mass and weight, and volume and capacity.

Geography

In Geography, Year 1 will be learning about Continents of the World. Children will learn to use an atlas and identify the seven continents: North America, South America, Africa, Asia, Europe, Oceania and Antarctica. They will also map how an air journey crosses a number of different continents. Building on this, children will learn to locate hot and cold areas of the world, referring to the Equator and the Poles.

Science

In Science, children will look at Everyday Materials. Children will learn to tell the difference between an object and the material from which it is made. They will also learn to identify and name a variety of everyday materials, including wood, plastic, glass, metal, water, and rock and describe the simple physical properties of these materials. At home it would be great if you could discuss different items around the house and what you think they might be made from.

PSHCE

This half term, children will be looking at 'Me and Others' in weekly PSHCE lessons. Children will have the chance to discuss what makes themselves and others special. They will look at different roles and responsibilities people and children have, at home and at school. Most importantly, they will look at the best ways to co-operate with others in a mixture of situations.

P.E.

P.E. lessons will take place on a Thursday afternoon, this half term. In P.E. they will begin to look at Gymnastics, where they will develop balance, agility and coordination by travelling in different ways across space and balancing on small body parts. Children should come to school in their P.E. kit (white top, shorts/tracksuit bottoms and trainers).

Music

The children have music lessons on a Thursday. They have this with a specialist music teacher. During lessons, they learn many different rhythmic skills and songs.

Homework

Please find time to support your child with their homework. They will be given Maths work to complete that is related to their current maths learning. They will also get spellings to practise every week.