



Term 4. Spring 2

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we begin to think about the remainder of our spring term, we would like to share more information about what the children will be learning about next half term.

Topic

Next half term the children will study science, history, design and technology, computing and R.E. We will be looking at animals, plants and seasonal change in science. In history we will investigate how schools have changed over the years, and in R.E. our topic is 'Why does Easter matter to Christians?'

Maths

This half term, our maths lessons will expand our knowledge of numbers up to 50. We will start to develop our partitioning skills by thinking about groups of tens and ones. We will also start to think about measure, exploring length and height and mass and weight.

English

In our English sessions we will continue to develop our handwriting as we learn how to use *and* in place of a full stop to join two clauses together and make compound sentences. We will aim to show greater independence by consistently using a capital letter to start our written sentences and a full stop at the end and we will also begin to think about using question marks and exclamation marks to vary our punctuation.

Reading

You may well be aware of the Statutory Phonics Assessment that all children sit in the summer term of Year One. In preparation for this the children will continue to learn phonics sounds daily in lessons and bring home QR codes to further practise recalling those sounds at home. Your support and encouragement as they continue this journey will play an important part in your child's success.

As part of their weekly homework please take time to read with your child as often as possible, and help them practise the sounds they have been taught each week. This regular practise really does help the children retain the learning which has taken place in class each week.

Please note that reading friends have access to your child's reading journal so please do not write any confidential messages in them.

Collective Worship

This half term we be looking at Lent and how this links to resilience. We will also be thinking about Ramadan. As the term draws to an end we will visit St Helen's church for our Spring celebration on Tuesday 24th March.

Other Important Information

The children will be going outside each day at playtime and lunch time so please could you ensure that your child is wearing appropriate clothing and footwear to school every day.

Homework Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2)

Homework will be given out on a Friday and should be **returned** to school no later than **Wednesday** of each week.

- Weekly spellings covering the common exception words for each year group. Year 1 will have 5 spellings. These will be tested the following Friday.
- Maths quiz online via White Rose Maths Infinity log in.
- Reading books will be sent home every Friday. The expectation is that your child will be heard read at home by an adult or older sibling, at least once a week.

Our PE days are:

Tuesday	Thursday
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Children should come to school wearing their PE kit on these days, please remember children **must not wear earrings or any other jewellery on PE days** due to health and safety reasons.

Next half term 1JS will be doing Forest School on Thursdays. The children will need suitable footwear (or bring wellies) and outdoor clothing including a coat.

As we are very limited on space in the classrooms, please can we request that your child only brings a bag to school if it is absolutely necessary as they cannot fit a bag and a coat on their peg.

If you would like to contact a member of the Year 1 team our email address is:
contactyear1@sandal.wakefield.sch.uk

Thank you for your continued support
Mrs Spitzkowski, Mrs Tahir and Miss Woodhead