



Year 1 Spring Term Newsletter

Welcome to the Spring Term. I hope you had a fantastic Christmas holiday and the children are ready for another action-packed term.

This half term, our value is *WISDOM*. After half term our value will be *HOPE*.

English and Phonics

English lessons will centre around high quality texts which enable children to practise structuring their sentences correctly and will support their phonetic learning and reading skills. There will be opportunities for children to explore key concepts through drama.

We expect all children to read regularly at home and ask that yellow reading diaries "live" in book bags so they can be accessed at school and at home. Please do ensure these are signed regularly by you.

In terms of phonics this term, we will be learning phase 5 phonics and applying the blending and segmenting skills from phase 4 to new words. As a reminder, the children will be undertaking a statutory phonics screening check week beginning 11th June.

During this week, children must be in school. We refer to the check in class as a 'special phonics challenge' and it's something the children look forward to so they can show-case their learning.

Maths

We will begin our work in Maths this term by practising counting to 50 and back and focusing on the order of numbers. These skills will then be linked to addition and subtraction. We will be revisiting our place value knowledge of teen numbers, using the terms 'tens' and 'units'. With multiplication, we will be consolidating counting in twos and tens and use the skills of grouping to count in fives. We will also be learning to recognise odd and even numbers. In geometry, we will be consolidating our learning last half term of 3D shapes and their properties and for time, we will revise telling the time to the nearest hour and progress onto telling the time to half-past the hour. We will also be focusing on mathematical reasoning. For example, the application of the knowledge and methods we teach, using word problems and by challenging the children to provide their own examples and to explain how they know an answer is correct.

Science

During the first half term our topic will be Materials. This will include identifying the difference between an object and the material it is made from. We will also be naming, sorting and describing materials according to their properties.

Homework

As a reminder, homework will be handed out every Friday and must be handed back in by the following Wednesday. It is important it comes in by Wednesday so we have a chance to reward children for their hard work, identify weaknesses and stick in homework. If your child is unable to complete the homework one week for any reason, please let me know.

Expressive Arts

We will begin the term with a focus on developing the children's printing and collage skills. This will include, creating patterns and being creative with the use of materials. Music this term will focus on pulse and rhythm. We will focus on using these skills for improvising and composing on musical instruments which will culminate in class performances.

P.E.

On Thursday and Friday afternoons, the children will have P.E. Please ensure your child has the correct P.E kit on these days: navy blue shorts/tracksuit bottoms, navy blue/yellow T-shirts and trainers (no plimsoles for outdoor sessions). If girls wear tights into school, please make sure there is a spare pair of socks in their P.E. bag. Please make sure all items of your child's P.E kit are named. Also, girl's hair should be tied up. P.E. kits should be brought to school on Monday and will be sent home on Friday for washing. P.E is a very important part of the curriculum and it is vital that the children bring in full kit. If your child is unable to access a P.E lesson due to injury or illness, please write a note to let us know.

Knowledge and Understanding of the World = History and Geography

Our main topic focus will be 'Powerful Women from the Past: Florence Nightingale'. We will particularly be looking at the changes Florence Nightingale made and the impact these changes have had on our modern-day society.

R.E.

This year, R.E. will be taught on Tuesday afternoons across the school. This term the children will be learning about Judaism, in particular, the importance of Jewish symbols and what it might be like to live as a Jew. After half term, we will be looking at Christianity and thinking why saints are so important to Christians.

PPA

On Friday afternoon I have my weekly non-contact time. During the afternoon, the children will have a P.E. lesson taught by Mr Smith (the P.E. coach) and a Science lesson taught by Mrs Boyle.

Philosophy and PSHE

We encourage our children to listen and respond with thoughtfulness and respect. We will continue to teach Philosophy for Children to foster critical and deeper thinking and provide opportunities for children to practise these skills across the curriculum. This term will focus on relationships and healthy lifestyles. We will also be considering ways to keep yourself safe at home.

Uniform

Please check ALL items of your child's uniform, including coats and bags are clearly labelled to help your child become more responsible and independent. The school uniform is grey trousers or skirt/dress with a yellow polo shirt and blue Nutfield Church jumper/cardigan. Jewellery should be kept to a minimum for health and safety reasons and shoes should be dark coloured and must be sensible and weather appropriate.

And finally...

If you have any quick questions or concerns please feel free to catch me in the playground at the end of the day. If you would like to speak with me more privately, please see me or contact the school office to arrange an appointment. Please do keep an eye on the school website which lists all the key dates for the Spring term.

Here's to another fantastic term with your wonderful children!

Miss Cook

Year 1 Class Teacher



Dates for your Diary:

Week beginning, 22nd January: After school clubs begin

Friday 26th January: PTFA Quiz Night

Monday 5th February: PTFA Disco

Tuesday 6th February: Safer Internet day

Thursday 1st March: World Book day. Children can bring along their favourite book and come to school dressed as their favourite book character.

Friday 2nd March: St. David's day celebration. Children in this team can come to school wearing a yellow T-shirt.