



Class One Newsletter

Spring 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you had a very festive Christmas break and enjoyed spending time with your friends and family. It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school and we are ready to begin our Spring Term. Below, you will find information about this term and the curriculum.

General Notices

Physical Education

*P.E. will continue to take place twice a week but please note that the days have changed to **Tuesdays and Thursdays**. On our P.E. day, the children should attend school dressed in full P.E. kit. This includes black shorts/joggers, school P.E. top, school jumper/hoodie and plimsoles/trainers. May I please remind children that school uniforms should be worn on any other day except for when they attend Forest School where they will need to have very warm clothing this term.*

Our Forest School dates this term are:

Year 1 - Thursday 15th February

Reception - Thursday 29th February

Reading

Reading books will continue to be changed weekly after the children have completed their 3 reads in school. We encourage you to read with your child daily at home too as this regular practice is essential to develop their confidence and fluency. Furthermore, please continue to make a note each time you read with your child at home so we can support you if you need it.

Communication

If there is anything you would like to discuss with me during the school year then please do not hesitate to contact the school office to arrange a phone call with me or you can speak to me on the playground at the end of the school day. Any additional notices will be communicated to you via email, your child's reading record or on Tapestry. Please feel free to contact me via these methods too.

Children's Learning

Our school website is currently being updated and we thank you for your patience with this. Soon you will be able to access our class page with all the latest up-to-date notices including a copy of the EYFS and Year 1 curriculum which details the areas of learning we will be focusing on throughout the year.





Phonics

This term, the children will continue to practise and play with their sounds. A copy of the sounds can be found on the Class One page on the school website under the Little Wandle Phonics Parents Page link. Phonics will continue to be taught through daily carpet sessions and will be embedded through the provision.

Maths

In Maths, the children will be developing their understanding of counting patterns beyond ten and progressing their knowledge of place value to build numbers through addition and subtraction. Additionally, they will be working on height, weight, mass and volume. Maths will continue to be delivered through daily carpet sessions, small group work and will be embedded in the provision available daily.

English/Topic

*This term we will be exploring our key texts of *The Dragon Machine* by Helen Ward and *The Egg Box Dragon* by Richard Adams.*

In Spring we have a Geography Focus, alongside our continued Science lessons, where we will be looking at a range of texts that share information about the Arctic and Antarctic.



R.E.

*In R.E. the children will begin our unit, **Galilee to Jerusalem**, where the children will understand that Jesus was sent as a special gift from God. In our next unit, **Desert to Garden**, we will listen to and talk about the season of Lent and Easter.*

RSHE

The children will participate in RSHE (Relationships, Sex & Health Education) lessons each week and work through the following units this term:

Emotional wellbeing

Me, my Body, My health

Role Models

Music/Computing/Spanish

The children will also take part in Spanish, Computing and Music lessons. In Computing, the children will continue to explore algorithms and then create their own digital photo stories. In Music, the children will explore musical vocabulary then move on to Timbre and rhythmic patterns. In Spanish we will continue to learn core vocabulary such as greetings, numbers, and colours. We will have a Spanish song for each half term that we will learn.

We thank you all for your continued support, let's have a great 2024!

Mrs Huxtable and Mrs Sheen 😊😊

