

Year One Newsletter

Spring One 2022










Dear Parents,

Welcome back to year 1.

We hope that you've had a restful break and a wonderful time with family and friends over the festive period.

We have some exciting work planned this half term and Year 1 have already made a really positive start to the term.

Miss Pringle and myself (Miss Fayaz) are looking forward to working with you.

 <p>English</p>	<p>We are starting off this half term with non-fiction writing. We are learning Where's Wally and we will be using our knowledge of instructions to write instructions for reception children! We will be reading our When we are writing, our focus will be using our toolkit to write a sentence that: starts with a capital letter, ends with a full stop and has finger spaces.</p> <p>In phonics, we are moving onto a new unit - all the ways of spelling the /oo/ sound - like in moon, and glue and we will be revisiting /ae/, /ee/, /or/ and /ir/. Please see book bags for weekly reading.</p>
 <p>Reading for Pleasure</p>	<p>Our author focus, for this term, is John Burningham. He is one of my favourite children's authors and has written hilarious stories like Would you rather, Oi! and Get off my train.</p> <p>We look forward to learning more about him and reading more of his books.</p> <p>Miss Fayaz has also shared a box of her favourite stories and they all seem to have a similar theme of pesky animal characters.</p> <p>In addition to this, we have an empty box entitled: 'Year One's favourite books' and would love if the children could bring in their favourite book to share for a week, with the class!</p>
 <p>Maths</p>	<p>In our Maths lessons, we are looking at number bonds to and within 20 alongside addition and subtraction. We will also be thinking about making numbers to 20 with different objects.</p> <p>We want to use our knowledge to put numbers in the correct order, say what is one more or one less, than a given number and also understand how to represent a number in a variety of ways. When we start to do adding and subtracting, we will also be using these skills to reason and problem solve.</p>
 <p>Science</p>	<p>This half term we are investigating and studying the weather. We will be building on our knowledge from last half term in Geography week. We will be finding out which animals are cold or warm blooded and seeing how the weather affects them. Unfortunately, the children didn't get to meet my dog Oli - as he was very busy, but this half term we will get to meet the chickens who live at school!</p>
 <p>RE</p>	<p>In RE, we are looking at what it means to be fair and brave. We will be exploring how different religions all come together and agree on the principle of fairness.</p> <p>We will be studying the story of King Solomon from the Bible and seeing how he used his wisdom.</p>
 <p>Computing</p>	<p>This term, we are being introduced to two of the three strands of computing: digital literacy and information technology.</p> <p>We are going to remember how to log in safely, how to save work, and how find it again.</p> <p>We will also be using PaintZ app on the computers to learn about common icons such as save, print, open and new, as well as practicing our click and drag. Internet safety will also be coming up this half term!</p>
 <p>Topic</p>	<p>During Topic Week, we will be learning how to paint. We will be building on the work of Yayoi Kasuma and continuing the wonderful art skills we developed last year. Our focus artist will be Heather Galler. We will look closely at buildings and observe their shapes, patterns and colours and apply her wonderful burst of colour to what we see. Why not take a look at some of her work? https://www.icanvas.com/canvas-art-prints/artist/heather-galler?product=canvas&sort=popular</p> <p>Our theme is Our Passions.</p> <p>This half term, I would like parents to share some of their favourite artists with the children - watch out for a letter!</p>
 <p>PE</p>	<p>This half term, our unit focus is Dance, with Mr Browne.</p> <p>By the end of this half term, we will be able to: feel confident to explore spaces with dances and movements and identify similarities and differences with dance and other physical activity.</p> <p>Year 1 are also lucky enough to be going swimming this half term. This will be on Thursday mornings, so children will need to remember their swimming kits (and towels!)</p>
 <p>Music</p>	<p>All the learning in this unit is focused around rhythm and pitch and how music can make us feel a certain way. We will be identifying the pulse and thinking about how pitch changes the song but also our emotional reaction. We will be learning more about this style and its musical concepts through listening to lots of genres of music.</p> <p>We will also enjoy using different instruments to experiment with the pace of the music.</p>

Attendance

In order for your child to get the best out of school and maximise their learning, please make sure your child is **on time for school and comes to school every day**. School starts at **8.45am**. Thank you.

Homework

You will receive a piece of reading and maths homework every week. It is due in for the next Tuesday.

Please read with your child for 10 minutes every day at least.