

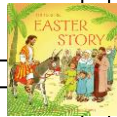
# Class 1

## Spring 2 Curriculum Newsletter

### Welcome Back

We hope you all had a lovely half term.

This half term the theme for learning is **Words, words, words**. In Class 1 we will be learning about traditional tales and the vocabulary related to them. We will be trying to make good words in our writing too.



### Communication, Language and Literacy

This half term the children will be extending their phonic knowledge through their Read Write Inc sessions. We are now encouraging Reception to use their phonic knowledge to independently read and write words and sentences, whereas the Year 1s are working on expanding their simple sentences to include interesting words and consistent punctuation.

Our English focus is Tradition Tales. We will spend time learning the story The Gingerbread Man by using pictures and actions. The children are going to focus on writing in sentences that have correct punctuation.

Our role play area is a Tradition Tale story telling area that has books and props to inspire collaborative play.



### Problem solving, reasoning and numeracy

The Reception children will be focusing on learning counting on and back from different numbers to 20, one more or less than numbers to 20. The children will also be measuring, telling the time to the hour and adding and subtracting.

The Year 1 children have started to learn how to measure and record using cm and m. They will be thinking about problems that involve multiplication and division by using practical objects. The children will continue to learn about a half and quarter of amounts and shapes. They will begin to learn to tell the time to the hour and order events in a day, as well as learning about positional language about a whole, half and quarter turns.



### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Our focus this half term is 'Good to be me'. The children will think about their feelings, to help them develop self-awareness and to teach children it really is 'good to be me'.

### Understanding the World

In geography, Mrs Tait will be teaching the children about maps and how maps are used. They will be looking at our local area from a birds eye view and finding out about human and physical features of our environment.



This half term the children will be finding out about Easter. They will be learning the Easter story and the main events that led up to Easter Sunday. The children will also learn how Christians celebrate Easter.

In science, the children will be thinking about plants. We will be growing beans to observe the change that happens and they will learn the parts of a plant too. The children asked questions that they would like to find out during our first lesson.

In computing, the children will be learning how use algorithms to write code for Bee bots. This means they will be learning to give instructions to robotic toys so they move in a certain way.



### Physical development

This half term the children will be participating in dance and games lessons. In dance, the children will be making movements that match music and a story. The children will learn to link movements into sequences. In games, the children will be learning to throw, catch and aim by using a range of resources.



### Creative development

This half term we are focusing on DT and we are going to design and make our own traditional tale puppet. The children will look at puppets and how they are made, design their own character puppet and then use sewing to stitch their own puppet.

The children will be learning about how instruments can be used to make different sounds. They will choose instruments to help with our retelling of 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' for World Book Day.

### Reception pupils

#### Special Stars (Reception only)

Thank you for all the Special Stars that were returned to school by the end of term, if you still have any please could you return them as soon as possible. You will find a new set that you can fill in and return by the end of this half term.

#### Reading Books

The children are all working really hard with their reading; I expect children to read at home every day. Please write a brief comment every time you hear them read. Thank you for your support

### Year 1

#### Learning Log

Year 1 children will now be receiving their learning log homework every fortnight. It will be sent home on Wednesdays and needs to be completed and sent back to school by the deadline. If you have any questions, please ask a member of staff from Class 1.

#### KIRFs

The KIRF challenge will take place on **Wednesdays** and their scores will be recorded in their reading record. If you have any queries about this, please do not hesitate to contact me.

#### Dates to remember:

Thursday 3 March @2.40pm - World Book day Assembly. Class 1 will be performing a story for everyone.

Wednesday 23 March @ 9am - Celebrating work worship. All parents and carers are welcome to join us to celebrate all the classes' work over the half term.

Thursday 24 March @3.15pm - finish for Easter Weekend

Tuesday 29 March @8.50am - Return from Easter Weekend

Friday 1 April @3.15pm - Finish for Easter Holidays

Monday 18 April @8.50am - Return from Easter Holidays

#### Junk Modelling

We are in short supply of any materials for the children to junk model with. Any type of boxes, containers, cardboard or lids would be great. If you have any spare recycling items, please can you send them in as and when you have them. Thank you.

#### Spare clothes

We are in need of some spare clothes that are between ages 3-5. We really need spare tights, socks and boys' trousers. If you have any that you could donate to school, we would really appreciate it.

#### Long Hair

If you child has long hair, please ensure it is tied up everyday.

If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to me or make an appointment to see me.

Miss Langley

Mrs Oosterveen

Ms Budd