

Spring Term - Key Stage 1

Year 1



Welcome to the Spring Term!

We hope you found the Coffee Mornings informative and thank you to all those parents who were able to attend. Below is a range of useful information. If you have any queries, please speak to your class teacher at the end of the school day.

LITERACY

We are continuing with our literacy programme called 'The Power of Reading'. This involves using a key, quality text and focusing on this for a sustained period. This term, we are reading 'Beegu' and 'Bog Baby'. Please do not read these texts in advance. We will also be completing a non-fiction unit on Space. The main areas of focus this term are letter formation, cursive writing, use of finger spaces and careful sounding out along with understanding and using correct basic punctuation.

NUMERACY

The main areas of focus this term will be on understanding sizes of numbers and using place value. We will be adding and subtracting within 20 with an aim to develop fluency and reasoning about answers and problems. We then move on to understanding sizes of numbers to 50. The final half of the Spring term will be dedicated to understanding, using and solving problems related with a range of measures including length, weight/mass, capacity, time and money. We will also be ensuring that the knowledge we taught in the Autumn term is revisited regularly to ensure confidence in reasoning and problem solving (with number bonds especially).

IPC

At the start of the Spring term, we continue our IPC topic, 'Let's Celebrate' then begin our second topic of the year, 'Hooray! Let's Go On Holiday!'.

In Science, we'll be finding out:

Where we can find living things

How living things move

How living things grow and change

What all living things need

How living things stay healthy

In Computing, we will:

Know about ICT in every day life

Know about some of the ways ICT affects peoples' lives

Be able to use ICT to organise, classify and present information

Be able to enter, save, retrieve and revise information

Be able to work with texts, tables, images and sound

Be able to plan and give instructions to make things happen

Be able to use ICT to explore what happens in real and imaginary situations.

Dates for your diary

8th January	Coffee Morning 8.45am
1st February	Year 1 visit to St. Francis Church
2nd February	Art and D&T week launch activity after school
8th February	Passport celebration lunch Parents 'Pop In'
19th February to 2nd March	Life Bus visit
28th March	Phonics workshop
20th March and 22nd March	Parents' Evenings
26th March	House Assemblies
29th March	Last day of term 1.45pm finish

Homework

The children are expected to read at least 3 times a week. Parents are asked to date and sign that their child has read 3 times a week. A lengthier comment is required once a week. Each child that has read 3 times at home will be entered into a reading raffle with the chance to win a weekly prize. We will be continuing to follow the homework menu format that we began last term. Books are expected to be returned every Wednesday and will then be handed back to the children on Fridays. Spellings will be tested on a Friday. Books will be returned before the following Friday's test.