

Y1 Information for Parents

Spring Term 2019

General Information

Class 1C – Mrs Cox

Class 1HR – Miss Harper & Miss Rees

Welcome back to school. The year is really flying past and we are really impressed with how the children have remembered our core values and continue to display them in their actions. This half term we will be continuing to think about our school core values. Please do continue to discuss our core values of love, honesty, respect and celebration at home and encourage these values.

We are continuing to work with our creative curriculum, with all our learning in the spring term linked to our theme of 'Bravery'. The first part of the spring term we will be focusing on Florence Nightingale. The children received an old mystery box containing strange clothes and old medicine bottles. We discovered that the outfit belonged to Florence Nightingale, a nurse from the 19th Century. Our writing will be linked to this learning and will include recounts and information texts. We will also be looking at historical artefacts, timelines and comparing old and new hospitals. After half term we are looking forward to learning about castles and kings and queens. In science the children will be learning about ourselves, looking at the human body and how to keep safe and healthy. Please find attached a mind map which will give you even more information about each subject and how they link with our topic.

Your child will continue to receive weekly homework, including maths workbooks, reading and spelling. There are also half termly topic challenges, as usual.

Phonics – Read Write Inc

Phonics continues to be extremely important in Year 1 as we work towards our Phonics Screening Tests in Summer Term. Following re-assessment before Christmas, Read Write Inc groups have been altered and children are continuing with their daily phonics, reading and writing sessions. Children's reading books will be changed accordingly. If you have any questions about the phonics screening test, then please do come and speak to one of us at the end of the day.

Mathematics

During our mathematics sessions, the children will work on number understanding, moving to working with numbers to 100. At home you could support children with practising reading, writing and recognising these larger numbers and counting on and back to 100. In school we will also work on addition and subtraction including number facts and mental strategies. The curriculum has an emphasis on reasoning so children need to be able to explain their work and problem solve.

Thank you for all your support! Mrs Cox, Miss Harper and Miss Rees are keen to work in a partnership with you. Please feel free to make an after-school appointment if you wish to discuss any queries you may have.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Cox, Miss Harper, Miss Rees