

Key Stage 1 Spring Newsletter 2019

We have lots planned for this term. Have a look at what is to come!

PE

Indoor PE is on **Monday** for Y2 and **Tuesday** for Y1.

Outdoor PE is on a **Thursday** for all Key Stage 1 children.

Children will need both an **indoor and an outdoor kit** (shorts, t-shirt, pumps, jogging bottoms, jumper) in school **at all times**, with **names** on everything. This is for Health and Safety purposes and intended to keep your child safe and warm. We can occasionally supply spares but this is not ideal for the children.

Working as a Team:

As discussed at the transition meeting in June, pupils in KS1 often move between the three classes for learning in Maths and English and between all six members of staff. Just to reassure you that this is normal practice and enables the staff to help all the children to meet their potential.

ALL CHILDREN NEED BOOK BAGS EVERY DAY AT SCHOOL.

Planned events:

Y1 mini-olympics - 17th Jan.
Road safety day - 25th Jan.
Walk to Todmorden market - 8th Feb
Mexicoan Fiesta - 15th Feb

Reminders

Some children have **sound books** to support them ready for their phonics screen in June. Also, some children will be receiving a support pack with flashcards and alien words to allow parents/carers to help at home in preparation for the screening. These can be looked at for **5 minutes each night** for quick sound recognition.

Homework and learning logs are compulsory and aimed to support you to help them to make progress. It is targeted to areas of the curriculum which need to be achieved at the end of KS1 by your child.

Independence

KS1 children are growing up fast and we would like to continue to encourage them to develop their independence. You can help them at home by developing skills such as: **cutting up their food** for themselves at meal times, **getting dressed and undressed quickly, putting on and fastening up their own coat** etc.

Spellings:

If your child is sent home with a spelling book, **please make sure they come back into school daily after practicing at home, ready to be tested.**

Reading:

Reading every day is an important task. **Please record in your child's record their reading from home.**

Subject Information

English - New learning and consolidation of spelling, grammar, punctuation and reading, linked to a range of quality texts, wherever possible, including Fairytales and Traditional Tales.

Maths - The children are covering a range of Maths topics, including calculations, fractions, measures and money. These will be shared with you for their weekly homework.

Science - The children have been learning about materials and will be learning more about plants (parts and their uses), animals including humans (body parts, habitats, growth and change) and how the seasons change and affect the environment.

Topic - We are learning about Mexico. We will be asking and answering questions about different localities, examining artefacts and using them as a stimulus for painting and clay work in art, as well as planning, shopping and cooking a Mexican feast.