



Friday 28th February 2025

Class 1

Spring 2 Half Term Newsletter



I hope you all had a fantastic break and are all ready for a busy Spring 2. I can't believe we are already halfway through Year 1!

Phonics: Children will be accessing either Phase 3, Phase 4 or Phase 5 Phonics in class and whilst in provision. We will be looking at and learning our new tricky words alongside the Year 1 common exception words.

As the phonic screening test is fast approaching phonics is going to be our main focus and priority. There will be lots of phonics sessions taking place weekly and I will be discussing the phonic screening test at our next parents evening.

English: Our focus this half term is around a classic narrative, poetry and creating an information poster. I will keep our new novel a surprise, but a little clue ... " he is very naughty, wears a blue jacket and loves carrots!"

We will be creating an information poster about Debi Glori exploring her books and gathering facts about her writing and her life.

As our writing increases, we will be using all our learning within our cross curricular writing in Science and History,

Maths: This half term we are continuing with developing our place value skills alongside exploring, sequencing and sorting, fractions, capacity and volume and money and time.

We will be using different practical methods with lots of manipulatives to help us learn our new skills.

PE: This half term we will be focusing on our fundamental movement skills. We will be developing our underarm throw and rolling a ball alongside demonstrating tactics within games.

PE will take place on a **Monday** and **Wednesday** morning.

Art: Within art, we are linking our learning with our topic of Growth and Green Fingers. We will be looking at Botanic artwork and impressionist artists such as Monet when looking at drawing flowers and gardens.

We will be using observation skills to draw live pictures of plants and flowers. Improving upon drawing techniques that were developed last half term to create detailed drawings and pictures of flowers and plants.

We will finally produce our own repeated printed pattern of our detailed flowers.



Music/Computing/History:

Within music this half term we are focusing on learning and hearing the pulse and rhythm within "Round and Round". We will learn the different verses and perform the song at the end of the half term.

During our computing lessons we will continue to learn how to log onto a laptop, develop our mouse control so we can click and drag and understand what a keyboard is and how to locate relevant keys.

History is another big topic driver this half term exploring our "Family Album" we are exploring events that have happened in the past. Focusing on events that have happened in the last 5 years, 50 years and beyond. We will be exploring our own family history and family trees. We will also be finding out about birthdays, and key events and how they are different to 2025.

RE:

In RE, we will be learning all about Judaism and answering the enquiry question "why might people put their trust in God?" We will also compare the different religions that have been explored already including Islam and Christianity.

Science: Science is our big topic driver this half term exploring "Growth and Green fingers" We will be carrying out experiments on how plants grow and what happens to plants if they grow in different conditions.

We will also be looking at the structure of plants and flowers using science terminology to describe them. We will also be taking part in lots of activities during Science week around the theme " change and adapt" which goes perfectly with our topic of growth.



Reminders

- PE will take place on a **Monday** and **Wednesday** morning, if your child wears earrings, please can these be removed before the PE lesson.
- Please read with your child as much as possible as this supports and improves their phonic and reading knowledge.
- **Please make sure that your child comes to school every day with their school bag, reading book, reading record, coat and a full water bottle filled with only water.**
- Miss Halstead will not be in class on a Thursday afternoon, but Miss Thompson, Miss Bowker and Miss Clarkson will be teaching in Year 1.
- Homework is given out every Friday, please can all homework folders with the completed homework be back in school for the following Friday so it can be marked and new homework set.
- If you need to contact me please feel free to email me on:
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