

YEAR 1 SPRING 2

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER 2021

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back after the holidays! I hope you had a lovely, relaxing week. I am looking forward to another busy half term. We start the first couple of weeks through remote learning and I would like to say how proud I am of all of year 1, for how well they have engaged in home learning. Thank you for all your continued support.

The lead-up to Easter is always a busy time and we have lots of activities planned. Just to make you aware, Year 1 phonics screening check which would normally take place in June has been cancelled. However, we will continue to recap previously taught sounds and continue to learn new phonemes. We will also continue to learn the different alternative spellings for the same sound and begin making the right choice when there is more than one possible grapheme e.g ai/ay/a_e.

In English this half term, we will be looking at poetry where we will be focusing on pattern and rhyme. The children will spend time learning to recite poems and learning to spot and create their own rhyming couplets. This half term we will be focusing on the book *Lost in the Toy Museum* which links nicely to our history and DT topic. The children will have a go at sequencing the story, retelling the story and explaining how specific characters feel. We will be using adjectives to describe the characters feelings as well as exploring the different verbs to describe what the toys are doing. We will continue to have a grammar focus each week and will focus on specific areas of year 1 grammar. As well as, continuing our daily phonics sessions where a big focus will be on learning to read and write our year 1 tricky words.

Year One will continue to have their spelling test every Friday. The list of spellings for the half term can be found on Teams and the school website. Please continue to read with your child, we recommended that your child reads for a minimum of 10 minutes per day, reading out loud to an adult.

In maths we will begin with place value to 50. We will focus on counting forward and backwards to 50 and recognising how many tens and ones are in each number. We will also be working on the topic of length and height. We will continue to learn to fluently recall number bonds to 20. Our mental maths skills will continue to develop through doubling and halving numbers to 20 before we move onto recognising near doubles.

To find out more about the other curriculum areas we will be studying this half term, please visit our website to see our knowledge organisers.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Many thanks,

Miss Roberts

Important Days

Reading books:

to be changed on **Wednesday**.
Please return by **Monday**.

Thursday:

PE lesson (come in PE kit)

Friday:

Spelling test

Important Dates

Tuesday 23.2.21 – 30.3.21
Lent Mass @2.30pm

Monday 1st March
'Share a story' entries
emailed to the office

Thursday 4th March
World Book Day

Thursday 4th March
Northern Arts workshop via
Zoom @9.15am

Thursday 4th March
Whole school World Book
Day Assembly @11:30

Monday 8th March
Return to school

Friday 12th March
Mothers' Day Assembly
@9:30 via Zoom

Thursday 18th March
Y1 class assembly @9:30

Friday 19th March
Red Nose Day – non-
uniform

Thursday 1st April
Whole School Mass led by
Year 6 – 9.30am via Zoom
Stations of the Cross
Break up for Easter

