

# YEAR 1 SPRING 2

## CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER 2022

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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. The lead-up to Easter is always a busy time and we have lots of activities planned. Please see the important dates section.

In English this half term, we will be making cross curricular links between history and English as we explore toys old and new. In English we will be focusing on a book called Lost in the Toy Museum, where the children will be given the opportunity to further develop their descriptive writing. The children will continue to learn to use adjectives as they work towards writing a character description as well as a toy description. Later on, in the half term the children will move onto the story of Handa's Surprise where we will be exploring different cultures, a variety of animals and fruit. It will introduce the children to a range of new exciting vocabulary which they will use to write a recount as well as planning their own exciting surprise!

Year One will continue to have their spelling test every Monday. The list of spellings for the half term will be sent home in the first week back. Please continue to practise your child's weekly spellings with them each week as this supports them hugely with their reading, writing and phonics.

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. This half term during our guided reading sessions we will continue to focus on reading comprehension with the children. When reading with your child at home please make sure you are asking them questions about the text to help deepen their understanding of what they are reading. I will put a list of questions into the children's book bags to support parents with this.

In maths, we will be consolidating our knowledge of numbers to 50 focusing on counting forward and backwards as well as understanding the place value of these numbers. We will then move onto the topic of length and height where the children will practice measuring and comparing. We will continue to do weekly mental maths lessons and our 'facts to learn' sheets will be sent home when appropriate. Please continue to allow your children to play on hit the button as this fun, interactive game which allows them to practice and develop their quick recall of maths facts which makes a huge difference.

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

#### **Monday**

- Reading books to be changed. Please bring reading folder.
- Spelling test. Please bring spelling book.

#### **Wednesday and Thursday:**

PE lesson (come in PE kit)

### Important Dates

#### **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March**

Family Mass – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

#### **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March**

Non-Uniform £1 for Cafod

#### **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March**

Book Fair in school 8:30 – 8:50 and  
3:15 – 3:45

#### **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March**

Non-Uniform for Comic Relief £1

#### **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March**

2022 Good Shephard Fundraiser  
2:30pm

#### **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March**

Last day of Book Fair 8:30 – 8:50  
and 3:15 – 3:45

#### **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March**

Y1 Easter Workshop

#### **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March**

Y1 Class Assembly

#### **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March**

Mother's Day assembly

#### **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March**

Stations of the Cross activity day

#### **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March**

Parents Evening – 4 – 6:30

#### **Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March**

Parents Evening – 4 – 6:30

#### **Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March**

Whole School Mass – 9:30am

#### **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March**

Stations of the cross  
Finish for Easter

