

YEAR 1 SPRING 1

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER 2022

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back to school after the Christmas holidays. We hope you had a lovely Christmas. We have a very exciting half term planned ahead!

In English this half term, we will be focusing on traditional tales. The children will be looking at a range of tales and we will be focusing on retelling stories, writing narratives as well as post cards. Some of the main stories we are going to be focusing on and writing about are The Three Little Pigs and Little Red Riding Hood. We will continue to have a grammar focus each week and will focus on specific areas of Year 1 grammar. A big focus this half term will be on using suffixes such as ing, er, est and ed.

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.

This half term in phonics we will be moving onto phase 5 which is where we start introducing alternative spellings for sounds for example 'ai' or 'ay' as well as learning split diagraphs such as a_e. We will support the children to start to choose the right graphemes when spelling and continue to learn more tricky words. Please see the website for an overview of the phase 5 sounds and this half term's tricky word focus.

Please continue to return reading books to school on a Monday so we can change your child's books. For the first two weeks back at school please can you keep your child's reading folder in their book bag as I will be reading with all children in Year One and recording this in their reading records. We recommend that your child reads for a minimum of 10 minutes per day, reading out loud to an adult. During the week, you can ask your child a range of comprehension questions such as: who their favourite characters are; what they think will happen next in the story; did they like/dislike the story (and why) or discuss their favourite parts. Throughout the half term the children will have the opportunity to choose a book from our school library. Please ensure these books are returned.

In maths we will be looking at: place value to 20, addition and subtraction within 20 before progressing onto place value within 50. We will continue to have a short session each week working on arithmetic skills and mental maths. A big focus will be mastering missing number sentences and comparing number sentences as well as learning our number bonds to 20. Please continue to practise the mental math skills which are sent home and use "hit the button" to help your child to practise their quick recall of number facts.

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 come and see me if you have any questions or concerns.

Many thanks,
Miss Roberts



Important Days

Spring 1 spellings will be sent home in the first week. Spelling test will be **every Monday**. Please bring your spelling book.

Reading books to be changed on **Monday**.

Wednesday &

Thursday:

PE lesson (come in PE kit).

Important Dates

Wednesday 11th
January –
Gymnastics in
school wear PE kit

Tuesday 25th
January – Y1
maths parent
meeting via Zoom

Tuesday 8th
February – Safer
internet day

Friday 11th
February – E safety
parent meeting with
School Council

Friday 18th
February – Finish
for half term

