

NEWSLETTER - SPRING TERM 2024

CLASSES 3, 4 & 5



Dear Parents/Carers

We hope you had a wonderful Christmas break. During this year Key Stage 1 will be learning about famous people in the past in the first half of the Spring Term and comparing the UK, with a Non-EU country in the second half of the Spring Term.



English

Our reading work will continue to follow RWI for those still on the programme. For those that have completed the scheme, we will explore a range of reading skills through fiction and non-fiction texts. In the first half of the Spring Term, we will be focusing on the narrative 'Peace At Last' and writing our own story about a character overcoming problems. We then will be focusing a writing a non-fiction piece about Florence Nightingale/Mary Seacole. In the second half of the Spring Term, we will be focusing on writing a story around the narrative 'The Papaya that Spoke' and then we will be writing a travel advert to persuade people to visit another country.

The children will continue to have daily spelling and phonics lessons as well as weekly grammar and punctuation lessons. The children will have regular grammar and punctuation homework, alternated with maths and the wider curriculum.

Maths

Children will continue to work in areas of the National Curriculum. In year 1, the children will be learning place value up to 50, addition and subtraction to 20, length and height and mass and volume. In year 2, the children will be learning shape, money, multiplication and division, length, height and mass, capacity and temperature. Weekly lessons will include arithmetic as well as practical lessons. We will develop problem solving and reasoning skills. The children will have regular maths homework, alternated with grammar or wider curriculum.



Reading

Read regularly with your child. Try to aim for at least 5 times a week, build this into your evening and bedtime routines so it become a habit. Bedtime stories are invaluable for improving story ideas.

What we are learning in the wider curriculum

RSHE: We will be learning about wellbeing and economic wellbeing .

RE: We will be leaning about Jesus and his stories, The Torah and Jewish Stories and Easter 2.

Art/DT: We will be learning about painted portraits of famous people by the artist Amedeo Modigliani and in DT we will be looking at where food comes from and how to prepare fruit and vegetables correctly and safely. We will be making a fruit or vegetable salad for a class party for themselves to eat.

PE: We will be learning all about health and fitness and floor gymnastics. In the second half term, we will be learning attacking and defending skills and playing invasion games as well as gymnastics and apparatus.

Science: We will be learning about plants and how we can identify them and what they need to grow. In the second half we will be planting seeds and observing their growth overtime.

History/Geography: In History we will be learning about famous people in the past such as Florence Nightingale, Jesse Boot & Mary Seacole. In Geography we will be learning how to compare the UK with a contrasting country such as a Non-EU country.

Computing: We will be learning to create animated story books and how to be safe online.



Spellings

Those children in year 2 that have completed the RWI programme will bring home weekly spellings.



TT Rockstars

Please ensure you child is going on TT Rockstars. Every Friday, there is a KS1 competition set to receive some extra playtime and at the end of the year, the winning class will get a treat day!

Reminders

PE Kit: Please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kit on PE days. We will remind you of days on dojo.

Planners: These should be signed daily and brought into school with their reading books and are checked weekly.

Nut Policy: Please remember, we are a nut free school. Please ensure your child does not bring anything with nuts in their lunch boxes.

Uniform: Please remember that all uniform items should be named, especially the items children take off during the day. Please ensure the uniform policy is adhered to (see planners or the school website).



Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask.

Mrs Usher

Class 3

Nightingales

Miss Church

Class 4

Owls

Miss Jones

Class 5

Robins