



Year 1 NEWSLETTER

Spring Term 2022

Welcome to the second term in Year 1



Our themes this term are:
'Expelliarmus' and 'Off with your Head!'

During the first half term theme, we will be looking at different magical texts to encourage us to begin writing our own stories. We will be investigating materials in our potions lab and experimenting with our own new mixtures and solutions, whilst discussing whether magic is good or bad.

During the second half term theme, we will be learning about Queens. The Queen's knickers go missing! We will be using the two stories (one about Queen Elizabeth 2nd and one about Queen Victoria) to learn about and compare the two Queens. In Art, we will be printing Victorian buildings and dressing photos of ourselves to look the part. In P4C we will be talking about the concept of Authority.

These are key learning objectives we will be covering in English and Mathematics

In Reading we will be learning to:

- predict what might happen in a story on the basis of what has been read so far
- read aloud accurately books that contain the phonics we have learnt so far

In Writing we will be learning to:

- write simple sentences starting with a noun/proper noun (e.g. The dog... Peter ... I)
- punctuate some of our sentences accurately using a capital letter and an end stop (. ? or !)
- use **'and'** in a sentence to join words and phrases (e.g. The dog is eating fish **and** chips!)

In Mathematics we will be learning to:

- add one-digit and two-digit numbers – up to 20, including zero
- represent and use number bonds and subtraction facts (In Spring 1 - up to 10, Spring 2 – up to 15) e.g. 'The story of 6' is 1+5, 2+4, 3+3 and subtraction facts are 6-5=1, 6-4=2, 6-3=3 etc).
- name 2D and 3D shapes
- recognise and name coins and notes e.g. 1p, 2p £5, £10 etc.

Helping Your Child at Home

Reading

Please read with your child as much as possible, including their library and trolley books, which will be sent home on a Friday to be returned the following Wednesday. Please continue to practise reading the words which have come home. These are the 'Year 1 common exception words' that all children should be able to read by the end of the year. Thank you for your support with the reading and phonics home learning. We will continue to send this home.

Writing and Spelling

Please regularly practise writing and forming letters with your child at home. We have been practising 'growing our letters from the mud'. Please help your child to spell words that they want to write by 'Fred talking' and listening for the sounds. Once your child is able to read a Walter's Word or common exception word, please also practise the spelling. This could be done using a LaSaCaWaC approach (Look at the word, Say it, Cover it up, Write the word and then Check it is correct).

Mathematics

As well as rehearsing the objectives above, your child would benefit from practising:

- doubling and halving numbers to 20 until they know them off by heart
- number bonds to 10 until they know them off by heart
- counting forwards and backwards in 2's, 5's and 10's to 100.

Our PDL SCARF Learning



To support the teaching of PDL (Personal Development Learning) and RSE (Relationships and Sex Education) in school, we use resources and planning provided by SCARF. SCARF's resources promote positive behaviour, mental health, wellbeing, resilience and achievement.

SCARF stands for: Safety - Caring - Achievement - Resilience - Friendship.

For your awareness, these are the SCARF units being taught this term with brief details of what will be covered.

Being my Best

This unit covers:

- healthy eating, keeping well and using the 'Catch it!, Bin It!, Kill It!' strategy
- resilience and overcoming challenges
- positive relationships with other children and how our behaviour can affect others

Rights and Responsibilities

This unit includes:

- how children can you look after themselves, the school environment and other things such as pets and plants
- money – in terms of what money is and how they can look after it
- what is first aid and when and how to give some basic first aid

Dates of Special Events in Year 1

Thursday 7th April 2022 – Trip to Manor Farm dressed up as Victorians (details to follow).

Messages for Year 1

Yoga will be continuing until February half term, so please continue to wear or send in shorts to be worn under skirts/dresses.

Thank you for your continued support
Year 1 Team