



Class 1 Newsletter Spring Term 2 2021



Dear Parents/Carers

We hope you are all keeping safe and well and enjoy a well-earned rest and quality time with your families over the half term holiday. It has been lovely to 'see' so many of you on TEAMS during the live lessons and the first half term has flown by. We are really looking forward to seeing you again for our online daily sessions after the holiday. I will continue to be available for feedback sessions every afternoon (excluding Wednesday for PPA), please arrange and agree a time with me as and when a session is required.

During the next half term, remember to go on to our online Mathletics, Readwriter and Reading Eggs to support your learning for both Maths and English.

Our Maths learning this term will focus on multiplication and division, fractions and measures with money. We will include real life problems and 'hands on' activities to solve and focus on maths vocabulary, building upon previous learning and knowledge in these areas. We will use coins in role-play scenarios and be both the 'buyer' and 'seller' to count totals and give change. With fractions, we will compare equal amounts and ask the questions 'What is the same, what is different?'

In English, we will continue to focus on reading through phonics and blending the sounds we have learnt. 'Tricky words' which cannot be blended will be included when reading sentences and phrases and we will build fluency and comprehension as we are reading. We will practise reading and writing words that belong in the same group. For EYFS and Year 1 we will continue with 'Letters and Sounds' phonics and for Year 2's these will focus on specific spelling rules and patterns. Different aspects of grammar and punctuation when writing sentences will continue to be included during the online sessions. Children will be able to spend time practising handwriting linked to English work. EYFS children will practise letter formations, year 1's will practise size and position on the line when beginning to join letters and year 2's joined cursive handwriting. We will also focus on Traditional Tales.

In Science, we will make comparisons about different types of 'Materials', looking at 'What is the same, what is different?'. We will be using the five types of investigation - pattern seeking, classification and grouping, observing over time, fair testing and scientific research. We will make links to materials and 'toys' using the texts 'The Toymaker, Lost in the Toy Museum and Toy Boat'.

In History, the focus will be on Explorers and in particular 'Why is James Cook famous?' There is no Geography topic during the second half term. We will send some links for the wider curriculum subjects, which include 'designing a mechanical story book or toy' in design and technology, 'singing chants and rhymes' linked to music, 'What does it mean to belong to a faith community?' in RE and 'algorithms and programming (coding)' in computing.

You will receive a pack of work, which will cover two weeks of learning and we will be available through TEAMS.

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