



Year 1 Class Newsletter

Spring Term 2: Mon 23 Feb - Fri 27 Mar



Dear Parents & Carers

Welcome back! We hope that you enjoyed the half term break.

Phonics and reading: This half term we will be progressing through phase 5, learning a new grapheme each day. We continue to read in small groups for three sessions a week, which focus on decoding, prosody and comprehension. We are 'growing the code' more rapidly over the coming weeks in preparation for the phonics screening check which will take place in June. Please continue to read with your child regularly at home to best prepare them for this.

A reminder that children need to bring their reading books to school **every day** and will receive a new phonics book every Monday. Students should also bring their library books in on a Friday so that they can exchange it for a new one.



Please can all parents check that they do not have any extra school books at home.

English: In English we are embarking on a trip to 'Grandad's Island' which is a wonderful book written by Benji Davies. This book can be explored deeply through both the text and the powerful illustrations. Our focus 'big three' this half term will include the use of adjectives, suffixes and the correct spelling of Year 1 'tricky words'.

Maths: In Maths, we will be building on our prior knowledge of place value within 10 and 20, to explore numbers up to 50! We will also be experimenting with length and height, as well as mass and volume.

Geography: We will continue to explore our planet, learning about the 7 continents and 5 oceans. We will also be comparing our seasons in the UK to seasons in Mexico. We are very excited to show you everything we have learnt throughout this topic in our class assembly on Monday 23rd March at 9am.



Science: Our Science learning question this half term is 'What is a material?'. The children will have the opportunity to explore, and work with, a wide range of everyday materials. They will look at the physical properties of everyday materials and will build a range of vocabulary to describe these. Our work on seasons continues as we move into Spring.



RE: As we move towards Easter we will discuss the question 'Why does Easter matter to Christians?'. In the final week of this half term we will have an Easter themed week across school.

We hope your child continues to enjoy Year 1 and we are really looking forward to sharing another busy half term with you all.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Miss Whitaker, Mrs Booth & Mr Birrane