



Year 1

Newsletter to parents

Spring 1

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back, we hope you had a lovely and relaxing Christmas holiday. We would like to tell you some information about this term and let you know what your child will be learning about.

Curriculum

Spring 1's topic is Space and Spring 2's topic is Fairy tales.

English

In English this term we will be reading 'Man on the moon', 'Here come the aliens', 'Aliens love underpants' and different fairy tales. We will also be watching short fairy tale video clips and writing about the different characters we find in them. We will be trying really hard to use capital letters, finger spaces and full stops in all of our work.

Maths

In Maths this term we are going to practise counting and recognising numbers to 100. We will continue with our number fluency by recognising dot patterns and thinking of different strategies to solve a number sentence. We are also going to be making estimations on weight and measurement and then weighing and measuring different objects.

Topic

In Spring 1 we are going to be learning about Neil Armstrong and making different alien artwork. In Science we are going to be learning about different materials and beginning to use different scientific vocabulary when investigating.

In Spring 2 we are going to be learning about the Royal family and taking part in a fairy tale day with ballroom dancing and a banquet.

RE

The children will be learning about what it means to belong to a group and what it means to Christians to belong to a group. As Easter approaches we will be thinking about what Jesus gave up for love.

Important Information

PE

All children will need to have named **indoor** and **outdoor** PE kit with them on PE days (as stated below). Indoor PE kit consists of a white T-shirt, green shorts and trainers and for outdoor PE children will also need jogging bottoms and sweatshirts (as we will still be doing outdoor PE when the weather is colder).

Long hair needs to be tied back when they are at school and especially on PE days. Any earrings removed.

PE Days: Tuesday and Thursday

Daily Snack and Water Bottles

Children will continue to receive their daily snack of fruit or vegetables. It would be helpful to send your child in with a named water bottle. We only allow water to be in these water bottles.

Phonics

Each morning your child will continue to have a 20 minute phonics lessons, taught according to the phase they are working at. To assist with your child's phonics work we have set up some links on the St Catherine's website. On the "Homework Help" page there is a "Phonic" section where you will find the following links to interactive games.

www.letters-and-sounds.com

www.mrthornes.com (Video clips showing the phonemes and example words)

The BBC programme Alphablocks is also very good for helping your child pronounce the phonemes correctly.

www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/alphablocks

A letter will be coming out shortly about a Phonics session; where we invite you to come in and watch us teach a Phonics lesson.

Reading

Please hear your child read at least 3 times a week and write a short comment about their progress in their record book. If your child has not read 3 times at home in a week they will attend reading club (Thursday lunchtime). Please try to remind your child to bring in their reading record and reading books daily. Please remember as they become more fluent, to discuss the plot and characters as well as decoding the words.

Books will be changed twice a week (decided by your child's class teacher) if we feel that your child can read the words fluently. In class your child will be heard read either individually or as a group on a weekly basis.

Home Learning

Each fortnight your child will be set a maths challenge on which they will be tested (on a Friday). These could include things such as; number facts which will support children in their daily maths lesson e.g. number bonds, times tables.

In the summer term Year 1 will have a topic based question to answer in their home learning books every 2 weeks. More information about home learning will be given in the Spring 2 term.

Barry Bear

The Year 1 classes each have a class bear which loves to travel and discover new places. If you are planning a visit to somewhere interesting; a day trip, weekend away or holiday abroad and can accommodate an extra traveller they would be delighted to pack their bags and join you. They will need some help completing their travel diary and they like to have a photograph taken so they can show the children what they have learnt.

We look forward to a fantastic fun filled term!

Please feel free to see either of us after school if you have any questions.

Mrs Klein (1K) Miss Mohamed (1M)