



Spring Term 1 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your child/children have all had a relaxing and festive Christmas and that they are looking forward to returning to school. We are really looking forward to catching up with you all and having another amazing term of learning.

Drop off/Pick Up

The day will continue as normal with the children coming in through the KS1 gate which will be open at **8.35am**. Please bring your child to the KS1 playground. The bell will ring at **8.40am**, at which point the children will line up in their classes and be led inside by their class teacher for the register. The KS1 gate will then be opened at **3:10pm** and the children will be collected from the classroom door at **3.15pm**.

History

In History this term our topic is 'To Infinity and Beyond!'. We will be learning about space travel, the Space Race, the planets in our solar system and about some famous astronauts! The children are also going to get an exciting visit from the planetarium to help their learning!

Science

In Science, we will be learning about materials. We will be exploring the properties of different everyday materials and using our scientific working to group these materials based on their properties. We will also be learning why we need different materials for different purposes, and performing some exciting scientific experiments based on this!

Reading and Phonics

The children will be taught daily phonics using our fantastic scheme Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised. The children will come home with their phonics books on a **Friday**, and these will include sounds that your child has learnt, and they will have shared the book with an adult in school before they bring it home. As a result of this, your child should be able to read it independently. Please return the book on the following **Friday**. The books we have purchased are a valuable resource and we kindly ask that you keep the books in good condition so they last as long as possible.

In addition to the phonics book, they will also take home a 'sharing' book that they will **not** be able to read independently and is designed to be shared with a grown-up. They may, of course, choose to read something they have at home for this instead. Sharing books will be changed on a **Monday** and **Wednesday**.

This term, children in Year 2 who have passed the phonics screening check will be assessed, and if they meet the requirements, will move onto our Little Wandle Fluency scheme. Children on the scheme will read our fluency books 3 times a week in school, over 2 weeks. At the end of the 2 weeks, the books will come home for children to practice reading for a further 2 weeks.

Every child will have a 'Home School Record' with their reading books for yourself to record when your child has read. Dojo points are awarded for daily reading, but only if the home school record is signed. If the home school record is not signed, or if the book is not returned to school, your child will not be able to choose a different book.

P.E.

PE will take place every week on **Tuesday**. Please send your child to school in their PE kit with their school uniform and school shoes in a separate bag ready to get changed into after PE. All of your child's school uniform, shoes and PE kit must be named. The P.E kit should be appropriate for indoor and outdoor P.E and should consist of a **white t-shirt and black shorts**.

Homework

Homework will be given out each Friday in the homework folder and is expected back in school on the following Thursday. If children require help with their homework, please send me a Dojo message to let me know and time will be set aside to help the children during break time.

Fruit and Water

The children will be given a healthy snack (a piece of fruit) each day. We encourage drinking water regularly so please send your child in with fresh water every day in their named water bottle.

Picking up after school

If someone other than the usual person will be picking up your child after school, please let us know.

Kind regards,

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