

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have all had a lovely half term and that your children are glad to be back at school. We are looking forward to a busy half term of learning. Here is a newsletter to update you on what is coming up this half term.



Literacy

In Literacy we are reading a book called 'The Darkest Dark', which is inspired by the childhood of real-life astronaut Chris Hadfield. We will be working towards writing a diary entry in the perspective of an astronaut on the moon. Our main objective is to begin to punctuate sentences using exclamation marks.



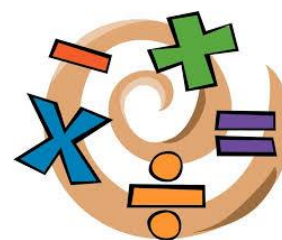
During our daily Read, Write, Inc. sessions, children are in groups to help them master and develop their reading skills at their own pace. The children are making good progress. Please make sure your child continues to read their Read, Write, Inc. book at home and return them when necessary.

To develop comprehension in reading, we are continuing to use the *Talk Through Stories* programme. *Talk Through Stories* helps develop children's spoken vocabulary drawing on the best of children's literature.

Mathematics

This term we will look at numbers to 40, and addition and subtraction word problems.

All the way through our maths learning we will be applying our learning to solve real life problems. When possible, you could practise with your child their counting, number bonds, and addition and subtraction to help develop their fluency.



Science



As scientists, we will be investigating everyday materials. We will be exploring a range of materials and objects and thinking about their physical properties.

Art and Design

In Art and Design, we are very lucky to be working with a local artist, Nicole Sheppard, this half term. We have been creating sculptures out of clay and various recycled materials. We would love to welcome you all to school on Tuesday 28th March at 2.30pm to view all the hard work your child has done.



Religious Education



In RE, we will be thinking about stories and symbols linking to the story of Easter.

History

This half term, our focus is on significant people in nursing throughout history. We will be looking at how Florence Nightingale, Edith Cavell, and Mary Seacole had a positive impact in changing nursing.



PSHE / JIGSAW



This half term's JIGSAW is focusing on 'Healthy me'. The children will be looking at how to make healthy choices and look after our bodies.

PE



PE for Year 1G is on Mondays and Tuesdays, so children will need to come to school in their PE kit on those days.

PE for Year 1S is on Tuesdays and Thursdays, so children will need to come to school in their PE kit on those days.

This half term, the focus is on using rackets in various sports such as badminton and tennis.

Music

Mrs Lawrence will continue to inspire us with her weekly music lessons.



Homework

Please continue to use the 'Lending Library' to share a book together at home. Please ensure that once you have read the story, that you return it and collect a new story.



Depending on your child's Read Write Inc group, your child will continue to take home the book they have previously practised in class. The groups are changing so your child may have a different coloured book to normal.

If your child wants to do any more learning at home, BBC bitesize, Topmarks (maths), and Phonics Play are great resources online.

General Information

We hope this gives you an insight into what life and learning in Year 1 will be like this half term. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch. We will be by the Year 1 door at the end of each school day, but you can also email us to arrange a time to meet.

Kind Regards,

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