

Spring 2018 Newsletter

Year 1 and Year 2

Happy New Year! Welcome back to Spring 1. We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and are looking forward to our half-term full of investigations in our new topic 'Dinosaur Planet!'.

Topic: Dinosaur Planet!

This term is all about the life of the dinosaurs.

Science: We will be looking at different types of dinosaur teeth and seeing how they might have helped the dinosaurs to eat their food. We will also be looking at different endangered animals and seeing what we could do to help.

Geography: We will be looking around the world to see where different dinosaurs came from. We will also be researching the habitats and areas where endangered animals are living.

Welcome!

Welcome to our new KS1 team member – Miss Storey. She will be taking over from Mr Warriner's classes and helping teach the children in Year 1 phonics, English and maths. She will be working between Year 1 and 2 on the afternoons.

Phonics Packs

This term we will be sending phonics screening practice packs with children in Year 1. They will be sent with homework on a Thursday and should be returned the following Tuesday. There is a variety of words for your child to practice. Please remember to return these so that they can be swapped and returned the following week.

Dates

Wednesday 13th February: Open afternoon from 1.30pm

Friday 15th February: Valentine's Disco

Friday 15th February: Break up for half term

Monday 25th February: Return to school

Fri 1st March-Wed 6th March: Book Fair

Thursday 7th March: World Book Day (please dress up as your favourite book character)

School closed for children on the following days:

Mon 28th January – Trust Development day

Tues 23rd April

Mon 22nd July

Fri 24th May

Tues 23rd July

Reading

We will continue with our Phonics lessons. Year 1 will be continuing to learn lots of new sounds. Year 2 will be recapping Phase 5 and moving onto Phase 6.

Writing

We will be writing an information text to display all the facts we are learning about. We will also be writing instructions on how to look after a dinosaur as a pet.

Maths

Year 1 will be developing their multiplication and division skills. They will be looking at 2D/3D shapes and their properties whilst being introduced to fractions.

Year 2 will be becoming more fluent with their place value knowledge, as well as looking at addition and subtraction. They will also be expanding their knowledge of fractions.

Homework

We will give children homework every **Thursday** and they need to return it by **Tuesday**. There is also a choice of Project Homework. If your child has a sibling in school and they contribute to their homework this is counted as one piece.

Spelling test

Spelling tests will be on a **Wednesday** (the day after children hand their homework in).

Reading at home

Enjoy reading with your child at least **4 times** per week. This can be their school reading book or books of choice at home. Please record each time your child reads at home.

PE

Mon: Miss Anderson's class

Wed: Miss Jackson & Miss Burnett's classes.

Packed lunches

Packed lunches should be well balanced with a mixture of savoury and sweet. Packets of sweets or fizzy drinks should not be included as part of a packed lunch. As we have a number of children with peanut allergies no packed lunches should contain nuts, peanut butter sandwiches or Nutella sandwiches.

Bikes and scooters

For health and safety reasons while inside the school site please can children push scooters and bikes.