



Spring Newsletter January 2018

Key Stage 1

Welcome back! Thank you for all your help and support last term. We are looking forward to lots of new and exciting opportunities for learning.

Class/whole school communication will be available through ParentPay. Please read the weekly letters that come out each Monday, as they will help your child be prepared for the week ahead.

Topic – Toys

Our key question – Would you prefer to play with your toy or a toy your parents played with?

Our work will include: describing and comparing the children's own toys. The children will compare and contrast toys and games old and new. They will go on a visit to the Castle Museum in York to look at old toys. Using a variety of art media they will create their own toy artwork. In the second half term in technology lessons the children will learn the different ways toys move.

Science

Year One science lessons this term will focus on the properties of different materials. The children will learn to identify and name a variety of everyday materials then they will learn to describe the simple physical properties of a variety of everyday materials. They will use this knowledge in simple tests and investigations. Year Two will consider the purpose of different materials and will be testing absorption and strength of materials.

Religious Education

Year One will explore what makes some places sacred and Year Two will explore how people celebrate special and sacred times.

Physical Education

Year 1 will have PE on **alternate Mondays and Tuesdays and Wednesdays**. Year 2 P.E. will be on **Wednesday** every week. We will also alternate between **Tuesdays and Thursdays** each week. However, it is important that your child has full PE kit in school at all times as occasionally it is necessary to change the timetable at short notice. Please check your child has the following items in a named PE bag for indoor and outdoor activities:

- white t-shirt
- dark shorts **and** jogging bottoms
- dark sweatshirt
- socks
- trainers
- spare hair bobbles
- Stud earrings should be removed or taped up. Please provide micropore tape for this.

All clothes and shoes must be named and kept at school in a named bag



Reading

Please continue to read with your child at least **three times a week** and write a comment in your child's planner each time. Please also note when they are ready to change their reading book. Don't forget you have access to the Oxford Owl website as well as your child's reading books. In Year 1, we will change books on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. In Year 2, we will change books most days.

Library

Year 1 and Year 2 will visit the library on **Monday**. Please can library books be returned to school weekly.

Homework

Each half term you will receive a homework menu with a variety of activities. There are more activities than weeks so you and your child can choose which to do and when.

Forest Schools

Year 1 forest school sessions are on **Friday** mornings. Year 2 will be **Friday** afternoons and will happen regularly, but not weekly. The children need clothes appropriate for the winter weather:

- wellington boots/snow boots
- waterproof trousers
- warm, waterproof coat
- warm socks
- gloves

All clothes and boots must be named.

Clothing: All children must have a waterproof coat, with a hood, for playtimes as the children do go outside in the rain.

Please remember:

- At the start of the day the children can free flow in from 8:40am. Please remember that school starts at 8:50am. Mrs Graham will be at the Key Stage 1 entrance to answer questions or to take messages.
- The KS1 entrance will be closed at 9am to ensure pupil safety. If you arrive after this time please take your child to the main (front) entrance.
- Your child will need a school bag to carry their water bottle and fruit. They should also have a book bag/plastic wallet to keep their reading book and planner in good condition.
- All water bottles must be marked with your child's name (nail varnish or Tippex work well).
- Children can bring a fruit/veg snack for morning break if they wish.
- If your child is going home with someone who is not on your list of adults collecting please write it in their planner.
- Nail polish and tattoos are not allowed. Long hair must be tied back at all times for safety reasons. Jewellery should not be worn in school.



Dates for Diaries:

A dates for diaries letter for the term will be sent when all school events are confirmed.

Class assemblies:

Year One - March 8th 2018 at 2:40pm

Year Two - March 1st 2018 at 2:40pm

If you wish to see us about any aspect of your child's life in school, please pop in at the end of the school day, or make an appointment via the planner.

Mrs Pye

Miss Smith

Mrs Graham

