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Year 1 Newsletter

Spring Term 2020

Dear Parent,

Firstly, we would like to wish you all a Happy New Year! We had a fantastic start to Year 1 in the Autumn Term and we are looking forward to seeing what the Spring Term has to offer. The children worked exceptionally hard last term and we are certain that they will continue to progress and show us how amazing they are this term too.

Spring Term Topics

Topic work this term will focus on ‘Would you own a wolf as a pet?’ Our work will centre on our Science theme, learning about materials and their properties. The children will be expected to transform into architects to create the perfect home for The Three Little Pigs. Our Geography work will involve looking at different weather and conditions to find the best time of year to build. Please spend time with your children at home questioning them about their learning to see what we have been up to in school.

In English, we are learning all about Witches and Wizards. If you have any stories at home, please let your child bring them into school to share with their friends and the rest of the class.

In DT, we will be planning and creating a trap perfect to capture the wolf. In Art, we will be looking at the work created by Gaudi to think about the design of a home on the inside too.

In PE this term, the children will have a PE session on a Tuesday morning and will be doing both Gymnastics and another session on Wednesday when the children will be learning about Health and Fitness. Please make sure your child has their PE kits in school on these days. If you prefer, you could bring it to school on a Monday and leave it at school for the week. Last term, there was a number of children who didn’t bring PE kit weekly to school, PE is a crucial part of the curriculum and it is essential that your child has the right kit in school so they can take part.



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Reading at home and in school

Separate information will be sent out to give you information about this term's 'Read for the Stars'. It is essential that pupils read at home to an adult at least three times a week and have their reading record signed accordingly. Children will also read weekly to adults in school, both in group sessions and individually. Children change their books weekly and they also have the opportunity to bring home a library book. We don't expect your child to read a book a night, a couple of pages is acceptable and this way your child won't get bored. Last term's reading party was a huge success and we will be doing the same thing this term so get those weekly reads in!

School Trips

Last term, we had Kirkleatham owls come into school therefore this term we will be going out of school on a school trip. More information will be made available to you soon. We will also be visiting the library again this term to find books which link with our learning and topics.

Homework

Homework in the Spring Term will involve children learning their spellings, in preparation for their weekly test on a Friday morning, and completing their reading practice three times per week. Please check your child's bag for spellings every Monday and assist your child when practising the spellings throughout the week. In addition to this, pupils will receive a piece of Maths homework weekly. We are conscious that we do not wish to overburden our pupils but know that many of you enjoy completing extra activities with your children and we would encourage you to continue to do so – please feel free to carry out your own research about your child's topic. Something like a piece of artwork or a game is always great to share with the class and can add valuable contributions to our curriculum.

If you have any questions, please feel free to come into school and discuss them. Here's to another great term,

Thank you,

Miss Keenan and Mrs Darby