



Year 1 Newsletter - Term 4

Dear Parents and carers,

Welcome back to Term 4, we hope you enjoyed the half term break. We welcome the children back to the second spring term and hopefully we will start to welcome the warmer weather. You can keep up to date with events this term using the calendar on the website and the key dates listed below.

What are we learning about this term?

In literacy, the children will be using focus texts including Toys in Space by Mini Grey and Lost Toy Museum by David Lucas. The focus of our writing this term, will be to inform and entertain including writing about our favourite toys and creating a wanted poster for a missing toy.

<p>Maths</p> <p>Number: Place Value (within 50)</p> <p>Measurement: Length and height & Weight and Volume (White Rose)</p>	<p>History</p> <p>Events beyond living memory:</p> <p>How have toys changed? (Kapow)</p>
<p>Music</p> <p>Sound patterns (Theme: Fairytales) (Kapow)</p>	<p>R.E</p> <p>Why should we care for the world? (Kapow)</p>
<p>Art</p> <p>Exploring Watercolour (Access Art)</p>	<p>Computing</p> <p>Sound</p> <p>Podcasting</p> <p>Using Keezy (ICT with Mr P).</p>
<p>P.S.H.E</p> <p>Celebrating Differences (Jigsaw)</p>	
<p>Science</p> <p>Animals Including Humans - Comparing Animals (Kapow)</p>	<p>P.E</p> <p>Mondays – Tri-golf</p> <p>Tuesdays – Cricket (Greenacre)</p>

In guided reading, the children will continue to use the Twinkl reading dogs to focus on vocabulary, retrieval of information, inference, sequencing and predicting across a range of texts.

Reading

Thank you for your continued effort with reading at home, reading books will continue to be changed twice a week – usually a Tuesday and Friday. Please continue to encourage your child to read daily and ensure they bring their reading books and reading records in to school every day so any reading in school can be recorded.

Phonics

We are currently learning phase 5 sounds in phonics. To support your child learning these sounds, the video titled Twinkl Phonics Level 5 GPCs: Pure Sounds, Actions and Mnemonics is useful in supporting pronunciation of sounds and the actions used to represent them. Please encourage your child to practice these sounds daily using the actions.

PE & water bottles

Year 1 PE days will continue to be Monday and Tuesday. Children are expected to wear their PE kits (house colour PE shirt, black shorts or tracksuit trousers, trainers or plimsolls). Please dress appropriately depending on the weather.

Please can all children bring in a named water bottle daily, we do not have access to drinking water in our classrooms and access to a water fountain can be time consuming.

Uniform

Please make sure that all items of school uniform are named. This helps us to return them to the rightful owner. We encourage your children to be responsible for their own belongings and having their name in them helps us to do so. We often end up with unnamed items that are not claimed.

Bringing items into school

Please can we continue to ask all toys and stationery are kept at home. The only items that should be coming into school are packed lunches, reading books and water bottles.

Thank you for your continued support.

Key dates

05.03.26 – World Book Day (children invited to dress up as favourite book character).

05.03.26 - Nursery, FS & KS1 Family Read 2:30 - 3:00pm

Week beginning 9th March – Science Week. Children taking part in workshops (£2 donation via Parent Pay).

12 & 13.02.26 – Mothers' Day gift shop for pre-ordered gifts

17.03.26 -Sponsored Bounce

18.03.26 – Parent consultations (3:30 - 6:45pm)

19 & 26.03.26 – Parent consultations (3.30-5.00pm)

Week beginning 23rd March – Last week of clubs

30.03.26 – Year 1&2 Easter Service at Christchurch & Club sign up Term 5.

02.04.26 – Last day of Term 4

If you have a specific enquiry please feel free to contact your child's class teacher or Mrs Sedgewick (Year group leader) via Tapestry.