

## Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter

### **Spring Term 2024**

Welcome back to school after a much needed Christmas break! The children worked so hard throughout the Autumn term I hope they found time for a well-earned rest amongst the festivities!



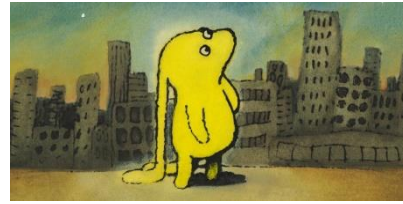
#### Topic

In Year 1, our exciting topics for the Spring Term are called 'Geography Explorers' and 'Totally Terrific Toys'. In the first half of the term, children will begin to understand different areas with a focus on Geography around the world. After the February half term, we will learn/observe how toys have changed over time. In Science, we will be learning all about the properties of everyday materials. We will develop our understanding around why certain materials are chosen to do specific jobs.



#### English

During the first half term we will be focusing on the core text 'Beegu'. Through this story the children will develop their prediction and inference skills, speaking and listening techniques, sequencing and storytelling/writing skills. The class will also be introduced to the use of question marks, conjunctions and 'ly' starters within their work. After February half term, we will be focusing on the story 'Dogger'. This will allow the children to build on the aforementioned skills but also expand their vocabulary and allow them to add time adverbials into their writing.



#### Maths

This term, Year 1 will begin to deepen their understanding of place value. It is essential that each child can read and write their numbers to 100 and understand how many tens and ones are in each number in order for them to progress with place value. We will also broaden our knowledge of 2D and 3D shapes, talking further about their properties. During our learning of mass/weight the children will begin to read scales in grams and kilograms and solve practical problems involving these figures. We will continue to build on our knowledge of money in class, it is also essential that each child knows the value of every coin so that they can access the learning for this half term. During the first half term the children are introduced to multiplication as 'repeated addition' e.g  $2 \times 3$  is  $2+2+2$  and also division as sharing equally.



#### RE

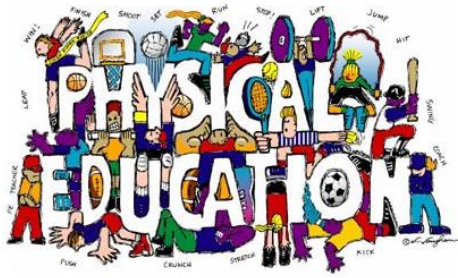
The topics in RE this half term are 'Jesus was special' and 'Easter'. The children will learn of the miracles of Jesus e.g walking on water and turning water into wine. After the February half term the children will begin to learn the true meaning of Easter and why we celebrate it.



#### PE

During our PE sessions for the Spring term we are looking at Games, Tennis and Gymnastics. PE sessions will be on Mondays and Tuesdays so

please ensure your child has both an indoor and outdoor PE kit in school on these days.



Advice for parents wanting to help their child further at home.

### Maths

- Practice 2, 5 and 10 times tables daily
- Practice number bonds to 10 and 20
- Have an analogue clock in the house for children to begin learning telling the time
- Let your child pay for items in shops using the correct coins that they have worked out themselves.
- When serving meals, let your child work out how many items each person should have to begin to recognise division e.g we have 12 potatoes and there are 4 of us, how many will we each get?

- Read with your child 4/5 times a week for 10 minutes and discuss what has been read
- Practice reading and writing tricky words
- Ask your child what their favourite part of the story was and why.
- Can they think of something in their life the story reminds them of?
- When doing pieces of writing/homework at home, ask your child if all of their letters have their leading lines on, this will improve their handwriting as they progress through school.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to speak to either Miss Walmsley, Miss Scrivens or myself. We are looking forward to a jam-packed Spring term! Thank you for your continued support

Mrs Dixon



### General Notices and Dates

Uniform - CCCR School Book Bags are school uniform in KS1. Due to limited space, rucksacks and personal bags are not permitted. Please ensure each piece of uniform displays a clear name label. We have had increased lost property due to no name being inside. If your child comes home wearing another child's jumper/cardigan please send this back to school with them the following day.

Reading books - will continue to be changed generally on Mondays and Fridays, however books need to be in school every day and kept inside the plastic wallet issued at the beginning of term - thank you. Please ensure that reading records are SIGNED and DATED, otherwise children's books cannot be changed. If you wish to keep a book longer, please let us know.

Homework - this needs to be handed in on Mondays to ensure we can keep track of who has completed the tasks and issue the certificates at the end of term.

PE kits - Please ensure that your child has an indoor and outdoor PE kit for the Spring Term. This must be in school every day. Our PE days are Monday and Tuesday.

Water bottles - Every child needs their own water bottle with their name on. These can be refilled in school.

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