

Year 1 Newsletter

Spring Term 2020



Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you have had a restful half term break. We have a very exciting term planned ahead. Our topic for this term is 'Mother Nature – How can we help look after our environment?'

Home Learning:

Every Friday, the children will be given a list of spellings that focus on a specific RWI Set 3 sound. Please encourage your child to put the spellings into sentences and see if they can think of any other words that contain the same sound. The children will also be given a maths challenge linked to the maths learning that has taken place that week. Talk to your child about the strategies they have been using in school to solve the maths problem. A comprehension task will also be sent home this half term. Allow children to independently read the passage and then answer the questions in their home learning book.

The children are expected to read every day. Please remember to comment on your child's reading in their Reading Record books. The children will also bring home their RWI books. Please refer to the questions at the back of the RWI books to support children with their comprehension skills. They will also have the opportunity to choose a book from our school library. Please ensure these books are returned every week. All children in Year 1 now have access to Bug Club, where they have opportunities to choose and read stories online. Please let the class teachers know if you are having any problems with the login details. Comprehension is an important skill which will allow the children to understand and comprehend what has been read to them. Continue to ask questions when reading a story together to develop these skills.

Please also consider joining your local Newham library if you have not already done so.

Kind regards,

The Year 1 Team

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**If you have any questions
or concerns, please
approach your child's class
teacher.**

Dates for this terms educational visit

As part of our Wider Curriculum topic: 'How can we help look after our environment?' we will be visiting the Soanes Centre in Mile End. The children will have the opportunity to participate in a pond dipping experience, where they will be able to explore, observe and discuss what they have found.

The classes will visit on the following dates:

Thursday 5th March – England Class

Friday 6th March – Wales Class

Friday 13th March – Ireland Class

Thursday 26th March – Scotland Class

PE Days

England: Monday and Wednesday

Ireland: Monday and Tuesday

Scotland: Monday and Wednesday

Wales: Tuesday and Friday

Please ensure that your child has their PE kit, including a change of footwear. Please label your child's P.E kit with their name clearly marked. Your child should bring their PE kit to School on Monday and take it home to wash on Friday.

Please note: A PE kit is an essential piece of equipment for all sports related activities and needs to be in school at all times.



The Year 1 Curriculum; this term's topics:

English: We will be focusing on the authors Ross Montgomery and Nadia Shireen. The children will be studying a variety of their books, re-telling stories and writing their own set of instructions.

Maths: We will be looking at addition and subtraction number families, 2D and 3D shapes and a variety of different measures.

RE: The children will be thinking about 'What does it mean to be a Hindu?' They will learn to recognise and name Hindu symbols and artefacts; learn about how the daily routine of a Hindu is influenced by their beliefs and values and they will learn about some important Hindu stories.

Science: Our topic is 'What's growing in our gardens?' The children will also be discussing what plants need to grow.

Geography: The children will learn about the impact pollution has on the environment and discuss what they could do to help.

Art and Design: Sketching and painting mini beasts and animals and justifying why they do or do not like a picture.

PSHE: Healthy Me – We will be learning about how to make healthy choices and how to stay safe and healthy.

Computing: Can we create and debug simple programs using floor robots?

PE: Gymnastics and Dance

Music: Peter and the Wolf