

# Year One Newsletter - Term 4

Dear Families,

Welcome back – we hope you had a lovely February half term break.

Our Year 1 Class Assemblies will be held this half term.

YIMM – Bright Class – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 2:45pm

YIGB/LM – Donaldson Class – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 2:45pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

In Phonics, we are recapping sounds already taught. This is good preparation for the statutory Phonic Screening Check. This takes place in June - where all children will read a mix of 40 nonsense and real words to check their phonic knowledge and skills to decode words. To support this at home, you can use phonics play and the Little Wandle YouTube channel. These both have a range of free resources that children can benefit from. As always, any questions regarding phonics please come and ask us.

Our humanities focus for this term is Geography and our question is – 'What is the weather like in the UK?'. Children will be focusing on naming and locating the 4 countries of the UK on a map and observing daily weather patterns.

A reminder that reading books are changed weekly. If you listen to your children reading at home, an initial in their planner allows us to track children's reading. We are still following the reading reward scheme so the more time children read at home the more chance they will have at receiving a reward.

If you have any questions, please feel free to talk to any one of us or send us a message via ClassDojo.

Mrs Briscoe, Mrs Miller & Miss Muir.

## PE

Year 1 PE day is Monday. Please ensure that your child comes to school in their named PE kit on that day. Earrings need to be removed for PE.

## Reading

Please ensure that your child's reading book and planner are in school every day.

## Water

It is crucial that every child arrives at school with fresh water in a named/labelled bottle. Please do not put water bottles inside book bags.

## Snack

As part of our school policy, only fruit is allowed for snack time. School will provide this each day. You are welcome to provide your child with fruit from home if you wish.

## Parents Evening

Parents evenings appointments are available to book via the MCAS App.

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 5:00pm to 7:30pm

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 3:40pm to 6:10pm

## ClassDojo

We will use ClassDojo to communicate with you and to share the children's learning.

Spring Term 2: Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024 – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024

## English

This half term we are going to be covering a range of texts during our Reading lessons. We will be looking at some non-fiction texts, a story by Julia Donaldson and a story by Rachel Bright.

In writing, our book focus is 'Beegu' by Alexis Deacon. Children will be continuing to practice their story writing including setting description, to create their own version of the story.

## Maths

This term, we will be looking at addition and subtraction within 20, and then moving onto place value within 50.

In our addition and subtraction, we will be using our knowledge of our bonds to 10 to help us with our bonds to 20. We will also be looking at missing number calculations too e.g  $\_ + 4 = 18$ .

At home you can help with getting children confident with numbers from 0 – 50 and counting in 10s.

## Science

In science this term, we will be learning all about plants.

We will understand what a plant is and how they are grown from seeds.

We will plant a class plant and observe how it grows over the term.

The children will understand the difference between garden plants and wild plants through observation.

## Physical Education

Our P.E day is Monday. On Monday's the children should come to school in the correct PE kit - plain white t shirt, green or black shorts and trainers. **Please ensure that children are not wearing football kits as PE kit.**

Our P.E unit this half term is Hands 2. We will be focusing on how to dribble balls with bats and keep them controlled and close.

## DT

In DT, children will be making Puppets. They will learn how to:

- Join fabrics together using pins, staples or glue.
- Design a puppet and use a template.
- Join their two puppets' faces together as one.
- Decorate a puppet to match their design.

## Music

Our topic for Music this half term is Vocal and body sounds. Children will be create movements that match music, explaining why they are moving in that way. They will also make appropriate instrument choices to represent a descriptive sound. Children will control instruments and voices to make both quiet and loud sounds. At the end of the half term children will perform their own musical score.

## Computing

In computing, we will be focusing on using a basic range of tools on graphics editing software to design a rocket. The children will sequence a set of instructions then follow them to build their own model rocket. Children will then input data about their rockets into a spreadsheet.



A map of the UK showing the countries and capital cities.

