

# Year One Spring Newsletter 2018

## Welcome back!

Happy New Year to you all! We hope all the children have had a restful Christmas break and are ready for the Spring Term. This newsletter will give you a brief outline of the work your children will be covering during the Spring Term. We hope you find this information useful.

## Reading

Children will continue to read to a teacher or teaching assistant at least once a week. This may be an individual or group read.

Children are expected to read at home on a daily basis for at least 10 minutes and may change their book as soon as they have completed it - we do remind them about book changes every morning before starting the day and every afternoon before they leave but it is their responsibility to do so.

We would appreciate a short comment about their reading at home in their diary. Feel free to use the reading diary for any other communication about your child.



## Phonics and Spelling

We continue to teach Phonics daily - currently we are putting lots of time into securing the 'split e' sounds (you may also know this as 'magic e').

All children will continue to take home spellings to learn on a weekly basis. Spellings will be tested on a Thursday and new spellings go out on a Friday. These spellings are linked to their phonic sounds being taught or revised in class.

Please ensure your child practises their spellings a little each night as this is the best way for them to consolidate and reinforce sounds learnt in their daily reading.

## Dates for your Diary

Parents evenings: Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 3.30 - 5.50pm, Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February 5.30 - 8.50pm

Half term: Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February

Book week: Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

World Book Day: Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March

Science week: Monday 12<sup>th</sup> - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March

End of term: Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March 1.30pm



## Curriculum

**Literacy:** Recounts, Traditional Tales, Story Reviews and Story writing

**Maths:** Addition and Subtraction (within 20), Place Value, Multiples of 2, 5 and 10, Length and Height, Weight and Volume

The topics being covered this term will be:

**Science:** Seasons and Materials

**History:** Bridges (Isambard Kingdom Brunel)

**Geography:** Sensational Safari (Kenya)

**R.E:** What happens in a church?/Parables/Easter

**Art:** Watercolours and Collage

**D&T:** Bridges

**P.E:** Dance and Agility, Games

**Music:** Un-tuned instruments, exploring and composing

**Computing:** Create, store and retrieve digital content

**PSHCE:** Changes

## P.E. Reminder

Our P.E. sessions this term are Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays but we request that P.E. kits remain in school for the half term in case of changes to timetabled slots. We will continue to run outdoor games sessions so please ensure your child has jogging bottoms and trainers in school, P.E. kits should be named and fit correctly.

**\*\*\*Please ensure that your child is not wearing earrings on these days and that their hair is tied back if it is long.\*\*\***

## Parent Helpers

If you would like to help at any time during the year, please ask the office to email you a link for a DBS check and once confirmed, sign on to a slot on our Year One timetable. Please remember that DBS clearance for Knaphill Lower School is needed. We are very grateful for any help that you can offer.

## Water bottles

We ask that each child have their own water bottle with their name labelled clearly on the bottle. Please ensure water bottles contain only water.

To all parents and carers, thank you for all your continued support. Here's to a fantastic Spring Term!

Kind regards,  
Year One Team