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Dear Year 1 Parents and Carers,

YEAR 1 NEWSLETTER

Happy New Year! I hope you enjoyed the Christmas break and feel rested. The children have come back with great enthusiasm and we are all excited for a fun term ahead - full of treasure maps, sea monster junk modelling, role-play, drama and plenty of science experiments!

Please see below for a rundown of our topics for this term:

English – Poetry, contemporary fiction

Key Texts include: *How to find Gold* by Viviane Schwartz along with lots of poems!

Maths - Place value to 20, addition and subtraction to 20, place value to 50

Science – Mad about Materials!

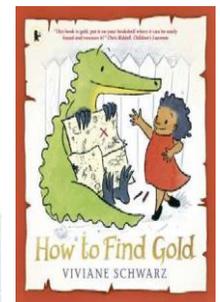
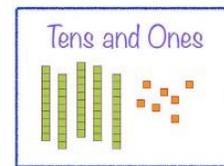
Computing – Keyboard and word processing skills

R.E – What is it like to live as a Jew?

P.E – Striking and fielding, gymnastics

Music – Body songs and percussion

Art – 3D sculpture



Reading

Thank you for reading with your children daily at home. It makes a huge difference to the children's confidence when reading in class. Please continue to record anything you are reading at home in your child's reading record books as these comments are useful in helping the Year 1 team pick new books to send home. This term, in addition to the decodable reading book (linked to our phonics learning) and a Benchmark levelled book, the children will also be bringing home an extra library book that they have chosen every week – also to be returned to school on their book changing day.

In class, we are continuing work on improving reading fluency and comprehension skills. This includes applying the sounds we are learning when blending new words, explaining the vocabulary within the text, summarising the story or information read and making inferences and deductions to answer questions about different elements of the story.

Reading and hearing stories regularly at home will really help the children to continue progressing with their reading. There are many ways for children to hear stories, including audiobooks! Oxford University Press also provides hundreds of free online texts, at www.oxfordowl.co.uk/home/reading-owl/library-page.



Phonics

Phonics remains a priority in this term of Year 1. The spellings sent home on Fridays will always mirror the phonics learning we are doing in class that week. Thank you for your continued support in practising these daily with your child as this will help the children with fluency and vocabulary in their writing, as well as preparing them for the phonics test in the summer. The children have enjoyed playing games from these websites so far this year:

Phonicsplay.co.uk

ictgames.com



Uniform and P.E. kit

Thank you for returning PE kits to school as soon as possible, complete with your child's winter PE kit fully named. Please ensure your child comes to school every day wearing a coat and any extra winter things such as hats, gloves and scarves are all named. Please also check to make sure all uniform is labelled as this makes returning items of lost clothing a lot simpler!

Weekly Routines

Please see below for a reminder of the weekly schedule in Year 1 this term:

| Year 1 Timetable | |
|------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| Monday | ✓ Maths and English homework due ✓ Indoor PE |
| Tuesday | ✓ Outdoor PE |
| Wednesday | ✓ Maths and English homework given out |
| Thursday | |
| Friday | ✓ Spelling books returned ✓ Spelling test given |

Thank you again for your continued support in ensuring your child arrives at school on time and ready to learn every day. We won the punctuality cup a number of times last term and we were very proud!

Just a reminder that the Year 1 team do *not* do daily checks inside your child's book bag. If you have any slips, letters or things you would like to hand into us, please make sure you hand it to us in person in the playground or through the front office to ensure we receive them. Thank you!

Please always feel free to catch me in the playground after school, or drop an email to the office if you have any questions or concerns. We also have parents evening coming up on Monday 10th and 12th February this term where we will have more of an opportunity to discuss your child's progress so far in Year 1. I look forward to seeing you then!

Kind Regards,

Mrs Dawson
Year 1 Class Teacher