

Please, please check that your all child's school clothes are all clearly marked with their name, especially jumpers- we seem to be accumulating a lot of unnamed ones!

Also, we would like to ask all parents and carers to remain outside now in the morning as the KS1 corridor quickly becomes very congested and this makes it harder for the children to sort their belongings. There will a member of staff at the entrance door to welcome your child each morning, please feel free to pass any messages for the class teacher onto them. Thank you for your help with this.

Water bottles

Many children are asking for drinks during the day. It would be really useful for your child to bring a water bottle to school each day. These can be left in school or taken home each evening.

Dates for your diary

Monday 15th January - Pupil of the Term day
Wednesday 17th - Topic 'We are Famous!' day. Dress up optional!
Tuesday 23rd January - GYM competition from Y1-6 at the High School
Friday 9th Feb School closes normal time
Monday 19th February - school re-opens.
Thursday 29th March - SCHOOL closes at 2.30pm

We hope this information is useful to you. Please do not hesitate to call in and see us if you need anything.

We look forward to working with you over the next term. Many thanks for your support,

Miss Shepherd, Miss Cullis, Miss Cruickshank, Mrs Warriner, Mrs Headdock, Miss O'brien, Miss Wilson, Mrs Reeves, Mrs Phillips, Mrs Norfolk, Mrs Cooke, Mrs Moores and Miss Lonsdale.



Welcome back everyone. We hope you had a lovely Christmas and we wish you and your family a very happy new year. We have a busy spring term planned and we hope that this newsletter will give you an overview of what we are doing this term.

We would like to give a warm welcome to Mrs Reeves, who will be working across the key stage and Miss Wilson who will be working within Miss Shepherd's class.

Maths

The main focus will be continuing to secure our understanding of place value and addition and subtraction. Work on measures including capacity, weight and length will also be covered this term. The Year Twos will study time, fractions, statistics and continuing with place value. We are continuing to develop fluency of number facts and it is important that these facts are practised regularly. Year 1s will be beginning to count in 2s, 5s and 10s, and year 2s will be continuing to learn their 2x, 5x and 10x tables.

English

Reading at home is of the uttermost importance. Please can we ask you to continue supporting our work in school by: encouraging your child to follow the words with their finger, ensuring they sound out words they

do not know carefully, discussing vocabulary with your child, asking them to tell you about what they have read and predict what may happen next? It would also be helpful if you could make comments in your child's reading record.

This term the Year Ones will be continuing to focus on letter formation, particularly on the size of letters and their place on the line. They will also be looking at writing a sentence using a capital letter, using and to join ideas and using question marks and exclamation marks. The Year Twos will be looking at adventure stories, poems, dairies, character descriptions and reports. Phonics is taught daily in KS1, with the children working in groups according to which sounds they are learning.

Homework

- Daily reading practise - please ensure your child brings their reading book and reading record to school **every day**.
- Topic homework each half term.
- Weekly spellings for Year Twos. These will begin to be sent to Year Ones later in the term.

Topic

Our topic this first term is 'Famous for more than five minutes' and we will be looking at different famous people from the present day and the past. We are having a topic day on Wednesday 17th January, when the children will have the opportunity to learn about different famous people whilst they participate in three different activities. Dress up on this day is optional- the children could come as a famous sports person, chef or a person from the past!

After half term our topic will be 'Living Eggs' and we are hoping to have some very small chirpy visitors!

PE

In PE we will be learning skills, such as kicking, throwing, catching and striking and these will be used to help us play some team games. We will also be continuing with our gymnastics.

We would like to remind parents that children require a proper kit for all PE sessions - **a white T-shirt and black shorts for PE** and pumps or trainers for outdoor games. Tracksuits are allowed for outdoor games

lessons. Mr Chandler is monitoring PE kits across school this year, children who consistently forget their kit will be reported to him. Please ensure that all kit is labelled so that if it gets lost we can endeavour to return it to its rightful owner! It is really helpful if your child leaves their PE bag in school, we will send it home each half term.

PE days:

Miss Shepherd: Wednesday and Thursday

Miss Cullis : Tuesday and Friday.

Miss Cruickshank: Tuesday and Friday

Music

We will be learning about duration and linking it to the sounds of winter. We will also learn a range of songs and rhymes linked to the topic.

RE

In RE we will be thinking about special stories to Christians and Muslims, including the Easter story.

DT

The children will be making moon buggies using cardboard boxes and wheels. It would be useful to have as many small/medium cardboard boxes as possible for this- shoe box sizes or smaller are ideal, cereal boxes are a bit large!

Circle time

This half term we will be focusing on listening skills and co-operation and friendships.

Computing

In computing the children will be practising their keyboard and mouse skills.