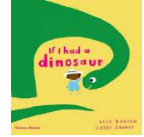


Year One Spring Newsletter

We are delighted to have all of the children back in school and are looking forward to a busy half term! Thank you for all of your support during Lockdown – it is much appreciated.

Our topics for the Spring term will be 'Walking with dinosaurs'



We will be learning about lots of exciting things including:

As **writers** we will be writing to entertain and inform, including instructions, poems and stories. As **mathematicians** we will cover White Rose Maths – place value within 50, developing our knowledge of number. As **Scientists** we will be investigating trees. As **Historians** we will go back in time to learn about Mary Anning (significant individuals in the past) and the amazing discoveries she made. As **Artists** we will practise our weaving skills and sew pirate flags. As **Designers** we will learn about cooking and nutrition and will be making a healthy fruit kebab. In **Spanish** our topics are La granja (farm) and Dinosaurios (dinosaurs). As **Atheletes** we will develop our Teamwork skills and striking and fielding with Mr Jones. As **Philosophers** we will learn about Symbols and the Church which we will virtually visit in Rise Park. As **Musicians** we are going to be continuing our Charanga music scheme with our topics being 'In the Groove' and 'Round and Round'. In our **Jigsaw** lessons we will be learning about 'Dreams and Goals' and 'Healthy Me'. In **Computing** we will be following the Purple Mash units 'Lego Builders', 'Maze Explorers' and 'Animated Stories'.

Reading Books

We must continue to stress the importance of reading regularly at home, preferably at least 4 times a week.

Following the first national lockdown, some children have quite large gaps in their reading knowledge which we are working hard to bridge. Please continue to use the comprehension questions with your child which were provided in September, please ask a member of staff if you would like another copy.

Books will continue to be changed on a Monday but need to be in school every day for reading with school staff.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

General Reminders

Please ensure that your child comes to school in appropriate black shoes – no plimsols or trainers please!

If you haven't paid £2 for your child's Record of Achievement yet, then please contact the school office.

If you would like to donate £2 'baking money' to help cover the cost of resources, then please hand this to your child's class teacher.

If your child received colouring pencils or felt tip pens for Christmas that they are able to bring into school, please send them into school in a pencil case.

Please tell us on the door each day if you would like your child to have a grab bag for lunch. We will assume that everyone else is having a school dinner or packed lunch.

Thank you!

Spelling bookmarks

We hope you feel the current spelling system is more manageable. Previously children have been given 10 spellings to learn and we felt that this was extremely challenging for some children and stressful for some parents.

Our new system of 5 words appears to be working more successfully and the children are enjoying the different Disney characters.

Ultimately our goal is that the children will use this spelling knowledge in their independent writing. If your child is struggling to learn all 5 spelling words, please just focus on one or two to begin with.

Homework

A fantastic well done to everyone who has been reading regularly at home – we already have some children who have very nearly reached 100 on the reading track! We will be rewarding these children very soon!

You will also have noticed that every Friday, the children are bringing home a piece of phonics homework. This is linked to what we have been learning in school and should be used to consolidate the children's knowledge. This homework is to be completed and returned to school. Each class has a tray for the children to put their homework in. Homework is checked every week children who have completed it are rewarded – this may be with stamper, a sticker or a special treat.

Please support your child to complete their homework. Just ask if you need any help.

P.E

P.E remains on **Monday for Ecuador** and on a **Friday for Spain**. Children will need to come to school in their P.E. kits on these days. Please make sure that children **do not wear any jewellery including stud earrings on P.E days**.

Please remember that as the winter months draw in and the weather gets colder, children will still be taking part in P.E outside as long as the weather is dry enough. Please ensure your child has appropriate warm clothing to be outside.

Knowledge Organiser

Attached to this letter, you will find the year one Knowledge Organiser for the Spring term. We hope you find it useful to support your child's learning.

Knowledge Organisers consist of key pieces of information and knowledge which the children need to retain within their lessons. This learning is then built upon as they move through school.

Please take the time to share the Knowledge Organiser with your child. It will help them to answer questions in class and feel confident when they already know facts about what we are learning.

Please ask if you have any questions.

We have an open door policy – please just ask if you have any questions and we will be only too happy to try to help!

Mrs Mee

Miss Fairbrother

Mrs Meads

Miss Hall

Mrs Watts

Miss Baker