

## Year One Spring Newsletter

Happy New Year to you all. We hope you have had a restful break and are ready for a new and exciting term.

Our topics for the Spring term will be 'Ahoy! A pirates life for me' (Spring 1) and 'Walking with dinosaurs' (Spring 2)



We will be learning about lots of exciting things including:

As **writers** we will be writing to entertain and inform, including instructions, letters and stories. As **mathematicians** we will cover White Rose Maths – place value within 50, length, height, weight and volume. As **Scientists** we will investigate the weather, seasonal changes and 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. We looked forward to our trip to Wollaton Hall! As **Geographers** we will be exploring Great Britain and UK countries. As **Artists** we will investigate textiles 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 **Athletes** we will develop our Teamwork skills and striking and fielding with Mr Jones. As **Philosophers** we will learn about Symbols and the Church and we are expecting a visit from the Reverend Nikki Bates. 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 'Animated Stories' and 'Coding'.

### Reading Books and Reading Disco

We must continue to stress the importance of reading regularly at home, at least 3 times a week.

The children who have been attending the reading discos have been absolutely loving it! We have played games, danced, had some tasty treats and won some prizes. We always end with one of the staff members favourite stories.

In year one, we are working hard to develop an early love of reading and we appreciate your reading support.

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

Please speak to a member of staff if you are having any difficulties.

### General Reminders

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.

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.

We are updating our Twitter account weekly with the work and activities that the children have been doing at school so please keep an eye out!

We will also still be using Showbie with reminders and notes/messages so please ensure that you know your log in details (they were given out at the end of last term). Please let us know if you are having any difficulties as we are able to re-set your account and password for you.

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.

Spellings will continue to be assessed on a Monday.

### School Trip – Mary Anning

We are hopefully going to be going on a very exciting trip to Wollaton Hall on the 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022.

We will be enjoying a workshop about Mary Anning as part of our History work and we will be touring around the Hall and visiting Titus the T-Rex.

The cost of this trip is expected to be approximately £20. This is due to the cost of the workshop, the coach and the Titus the T-Rex tickets.

We are going to be fundraising this month to raise as much money as possible to bring the cost of the trip down and we have some fabulous prizes up for grabs! Please support this cause and it is going to be an invaluable learning experience for the children.

### P.E

P.E remains on **Monday for both classes**. Please make sure that children **do not wear any jewellery including stud earrings on P.E days**.

As a reminder, P.E kit is a plain white t-shirt (no characters or pictures please) and black shorts/trousers and black plimsolls or trainers. We are still having our P.E lessons outside so please ensure your child also has a black hoodie/long sleeved top which is weather appropriate.

If your child has laces, we would appreciate your support in helping your child learn to tie their laces independently.

### Knowledge Organiser

This half term, we are looking at a different way of using the knowledge organisers with the children.

Individual knowledge organisers are going to be created for Science, R.E, History and Geography using a more pictorial format to ensure the children have got something to continually refer back to. This will help them to retain the knowledge needed for individual subjects.

Our knowledge organisers can be viewed on the school website under the heading curriculum – Early years, KS1 & KS2 curriculum – year 1. It would be great if you could look at them with your child.

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 Scholten

Mrs Meads

Miss Hall

Mrs Desnica