

Happy New Year!

2024

We would like to welcome you all back to another exciting term and we hope you all had an enjoyable festive break.

The children have settled into Year 1 life well. During the first half of Spring Term we are excited about our Topic 'How have toys changed over time?'. This will have a History focus and we look forward to learning about the Victorians as well as making comparisons to toys then and now. We will also have a Victorian themed day!

Remember to check Parent Mail and our year group pages on the school website for information.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher.

Year 1

1E – Miss Elliott

Cover every 2 weeks on a Thursday (Miss Arnold)

Supported by Mrs Robinson in the mornings.

1S – Miss Stanford

Cover each Wednesday Morning (Mrs Rutterford)

Supported by Mrs Nichols in the mornings.

1LP – Miss Preece (Monday - Tuesday) and Mrs Bagley (Wednesday – Friday)

Supported by Miss Burrows in the mornings.

Mrs Eckley-Gardner – Assistant Head

Mrs Hough – SENCO

Curriculum and Topic:

English: News, Retelling and Writing Stories and Phonics games.

Phonics: In groups according to their latest assessment.

Maths: Place Value (within 20) and Addition and Subtraction (within 20).

Science: Seasons.

Topic: Our topic question for Spring 1 is: How have toys changed over time?

R.E: Christianity

P.E: Multi skills (Attack, Defend, Shoot)

D.T: Moving Books

PSHE: Healthy Me

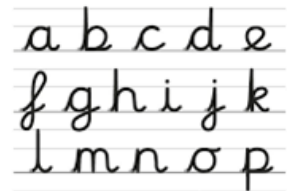
Homework

Reading is extremely important. It is vital that you listen to your child read and ask them questions about what they have read. Please read with your child as often as possible. Children also love to hear others read too, helping them to become expressive, fluent readers. Routines of having a bedtime story is a lovely way to support this. Fluency is a key aspect of our reading!



By the end of the year there are **common exception words** which the children are expected to be able to read and spell accurately. These are available on the school website for you to practise with your child. Children will take a Phonics Screening test in the Summer term. In phonics lessons we encourage children to underline any 'special friends' they may find.

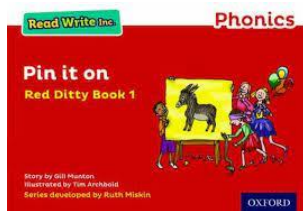
The children will now be taught how to start **joining their letters** when writing. In Year 1 we call this pre-cursive. You could encourage your child to practise this at home. This could be with pencil to paper, with paints or even in messy play!



Topic – Research Victorians with a family member and discuss materials of toys you have at home.

Reading

We are continually assessing your child's reading and phonic knowledge.



Children should be bringing their book bag to school every day.

The books will be changed regularly (according to their phonic group – Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Please read as often as possible with your children.

Physical Education (P.E.)

Please ensure your children bring in their labelled PE kits at the start of each half term. We will send their kit home at the end of each half term to be washed.



Earrings are required to be taken out or covered over with tape on PE days.

PE days change each half term. Each Year 1 class will have their PE day poster in their window.

Thank you to everybody for all of your donations for this year's Reindeer Run!



We raised a total of **£3248.81**!

Dates for your Diary

Dates	Events
Monday 8 th January	First day of term
Thursday 1 st February	Parental Phonics Screening workshop
Friday 17 th February	Last day of term
Half Term (Monday 12th – Friday 16th February)	
Monday 19 th February	Back to school
Wednesday 20 th March	Parent's Evening (3.45 - 5.30pm)
Thursday 21 st March	Parent's Evening (5-7pm)
	Last day of term for pupils

Many thanks,

The Year 1 Team