

Class 1 Parent Information

Hello and welcome back – I hope you had a lovely half term. I am so excited to be back in Year 1 and get to know you all and your lovely children. Please find below some important dates and reminders for the upcoming half term. As always, if you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me via the school office. Mrs Blakey 😊

Important Dates

Thursday 6th March

World Book Day

Thursday 20th March

Invasion Games Festival
(Framwellgate School)

Friday 11th April

PD Day (school closed for children)

Library Books

We will continue to visit the library on **Wednesday** afternoons. This is when they can choose their new book to take home for the following week. Please send library books back into school every Wednesday so that your child may enjoy their library time and choose their new book.

PE

PE days will continue to be **Tuesday** and **Wednesday**. Please ensure your child comes to school in their full school PE kit on these days.

DT Resources

This half term, we will be making our own packed lunch boxes in DT and we need a lot of recyclables to use for the build! If you have any plastic or cardboard recycling, we would be very grateful for the donations!

Our Learning this half term

RE – Lent and Easter: we will be thinking about how we change and grow and exploring the events of Holy Week.

Science – Plants and Growth: we will be planting our own seeds and bulbs and observing how they grow!

History – Ships and Seafaring through Time: we will be learning about the development of boats through time, how ships were used for exploration and trade and what life was like for sailors on the ships.

Geography – Where we are: we will be studying maps of our school area and identifying familiar places. We will also be learning the capital cities, countries and the seas and oceans of the UK.

Computing – Grouping Data – we will be learning how to group and compare objects and data to help us to answer questions.

Music – Sound Patterns: Through fairytales, children will explore sound patterns (rhythms). They will be clapping along to repeated words and phrases, creating rhythmic patterns to tell a familiar fairytale.

DT – Freestanding Structures: we will be designing, making and testing our own packed lunch boxes!

Spellings

In preparation for Year 2 and the Y1 Phonics Screening Check, children will begin to bring home 'spellings' each Friday. There will **not** be a spelling test in school. This is simply an opportunity for children to practise sounds and words from that week's phonics lessons.

Reading Books

Thank you for your continued support in reading with your child regularly and recording this in their reading record books. Please ensure that book bags are brought in on **Fridays** for books to be changed. Children who read at least three times each week will have their names entered into a raffle for a chance to win a book.