

## Year 1 Newsletter Spring 1 2023

Welcome back after the holidays and a Happy New Year to you all!

We hope that you had a lovely break.

### **English**

This half term we will continue to focus closely on developing phonic skills for both reading and writing using the Read Write Inc scheme. Please continue to encourage your child to develop an active attitude towards reading by listening to them read at home every day. If your child is unable to read a word, encourage them to use 'the reading tools'. These are:

-look at the pictures to help work out the word.

-sound out the word.

-miss out the word, read to the end of the sentence and choose a word that makes sense using the initial sound.

This half term our English topic is 'Traditional Tales'. Our class text this half term is 'The Three Little Pigs'. The children will be describing the characters, re-telling the story, writing their own versions of the story and making comparisons to other traditional tales.

### **Maths**

Our first topic of the half term is place value within 20. We will use a range of resources to represent numbers from 11-20. They will then apply this knowledge to compare and order numbers. We will then move onto addition and subtraction within 20. The children will learn a range of strategies for adding and subtracting numbers before applying their knowledge to solving problems.

### **Science**

Our science topic this half term is 'Animals'. We will be learning to identify and classify animals as well as categorising different animals by their structure and diet. We will then be making comparisons between the senses of humans and animals.

### **P.E**

Could we remind you that PE kit should consist of a named, white t-shirt and blue shorts or tracksuit bottoms, pumps, or trainers. Weather permitting; we may work outside for one of these sessions, so jogging bottoms are essential.

P.E is on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

### **Geography**

In Geography this term, the children will be continuing to develop their mapping skills. This term, the children will be exploring the map of the United Kingdom and learning about the countries within it.

### **Art**

This half term the children will be developing their skill of 'weaving'. They will be using these skills to produce a card linked to Valentine's Day.

### **Homework**

Maths homework will continue to be given out on a Wednesday to be returned by Friday, while topic homework will be given out on Fridays to be returned by the following Monday.

### **Diary dates**

Please note that there is a Training Day on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February, therefore the children will break up on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February for February half term.

Thank you for your continued support,

The Year 1 team:

Teachers: Miss Jackson, Mrs Burton, Mrs Riley

Support Staff: Mrs Moss, Miss Jackson, Mrs Nawaz, Miss Ash, Miss Toum, Miss Zaman