

Key Stage 1 - Newsletter

Happy New Year to all!!

All the team would like to welcome you back and look forward to the forthcoming events happening this term. This term is packed full of exciting topics and activities that we are sure we can all enjoy. We would like to welcome Miss Swann to the team who is completing a 6 week teaching placement in class 2JT. We would like to remind parents and carers of our new policy on attendance and punctuality, which can be found on the school's website.

Creative Curriculum Focus Spring Term 2019

The Topic for the whole of the Spring Term is:

History: The Great Fire of London

- How did the Great Fire of London start?
- What happened in London as the fire spread?
- Why did the fire spread so quickly and take so long to put out?



We will be using lots of paintings and drawings from the time as well as more up to date resources. We will also be using extracts from Samuel Pepys' diary.

Science: We will be concentrating on 'Materials'. This will include what houses were made of in 1666 as well as changing materials.

Geography: Learning about the UK and the capital city of London.

Art: Looking at a range of paintings from the past, various art skills including sketching, painting and collage work.

DT: Bread making - tasting different breads and creating our own.

Music: Learning traditional songs and rhymes as well as using a new music program 'Changra'.

Computing: Using the Rising Stars curriculum 'We are TV Chefs'

R.E We will also be learning about Bible stories, Easter and Mother's Day.

We will be having a very exciting Fire of London Key Stage One day on: Friday 1st February 2019.

Your child will need to come to school in a white shirt, grey or black school trousers tucked into long white socks. More information about the exciting activities to take place on that day will follow! ☺

P.E - continues throughout the term covering Dance, Gym, Games and Swimming. Please remember labelled P.E kits on these class days:

Monday afternoon - KS1 P.E with Mr Davies - During the first half term children will be having specific Cricket coaching sessions delivered by 'A Chance to Shine' we look forward to this new exciting opportunity for KS1.

Wednesday Morning - Swimming for KS1

Please remember no earrings on PE and swimming days. Please leave at home if possible. Please see your child's teacher if there is a problem.

Cooking

We are hoping to continue with various baking activities throughout the coming term. We would be very grateful if you would be willing to donate £2 to help towards the cost of ingredients.



☺ Dates to remember ☺

- ☺ Monday 7th January School reopens for Spring Term
- ☺ Tuesday 5th February - Safer Internet Day
- ☺ Tuesday 5th February - Parents Evening 3.30-6.00
- ☺ Thursday 7th February - Parents 3.30-6.00
- ☺ Friday February- Key Stage One Fire of London Day
- ☺ Friday 15th February -Break up for Half Term
- ☺ Monday 25th February -School reopens
- ☺ Thursday 7th March - World Book Day
- ☺ Thursday 7th March - Y1 Phonics Test Meeting
- ☺ Friday 15th March- Comic Relief - Red Nose Day
- ☺ Friday 22nd March- Mother's Day coffee morning
- ☺ Thursday 4th April Easter Bonnet Competition
- ☺ Friday 5th April - INSET DAY school closed.
- ☺ 8th April - 22nd April EASTER

A Little Note



Reading

We really enjoy and appreciate any parent helpers that can come in and help with listening to children read. If you are available to do so please see your child's class teacher.

It really does make a HUGE difference! Remember reading at home is very important! Sign and date your child's reading diary 3 times a week so that they can get a star from their class teacher.

Reading Olympics

Don't forget to complete the reading challenges that can be found at the front of the organisers. Throughout the Spring Term we are aiming to complete 6 challenges enabling children to achieve their 'silver award'.



Parental Help

We are grateful for all your help last year. If any parents are willing to help with any of the craft activities or reading in class or cooking this term please would they see their child's class teacher.

Homework

Homework will be given out on a weekly basis. In addition to weekly spellings there could be maths, handwriting or phonics homework. These may be in the homework books/folders or using internet based programs such as Education City.

