

# Spring Curriculum Newsletter

## Year 1

Hello! Welcome back to Year One! We hope that you have all had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. As ever, if you ever need to talk, or have a question for us, we can be found by the classroom door at the start and end of each day. Alternatively, you can leave a message with the school office and we will get back to you as soon as we can! Miss Rushton and I are looking forward to working in partnership again with you this term.

Thank you  
Mr M Townley

### Communication

All school information will be shared with parents / carers via the following methods:

- The new 'My Child at School (MCAS)' communication app (Please speak to the office if you are not set up on this). **All communications (texts, emails, notifications) will be sent via this app.**
- A monthly Head Teacher's newsletter (via MCAS).
- Termly class newsletter (via MCAS).
- Reminders via the information board outside, near the classroom door.
- **School Dates for Diary can be found within the calendar on our website.**
- Facebook page.

## Key Information

**Classroom doors open at 8:40am** – the school bell will ring to signal this. **At 8.45am**, a second bell will ring to signal the start of the school day and the class teachers will close the classroom door. In line with policy, pupils who arrive after this time must enter via the School Office accompanied by a parent / carer. Children who arrive after 9.30am will be marked as unauthorised absence. This counts towards the 10 unauthorised sessions that can result in a fixed penalty notice being issued.

All children should come to school with:

- **A labelled water bottle**
- **Wildlife kits in a named bag** (Only waterproofs and wellies needed. You may also send in extra warm clothes for layers during the colder months). **Our Wildlife day is still on a Wednesday.**
- **A healthy snack for morning playtime.** Fruit is provided in school.
- **On Thursdays, children will need to come to school dressed in their PE kits. A full P.E. kit** is black shorts / black tracksuit, red t-shirt and black trainers with a **plain black hoodie / zippy.**
- Children are also expected to wear full school uniform and school shoes every day.

### Homework

Homework will generally consist of practical activities and not written work. It will consist of reading, a Maths activity and, as the term goes on, a weekly list of words to focus on for reading and spelling. Homework will be given out on a Friday.

### Start and End of Day

Please could you ensure that children are not riding their bicycles or scooters on the playground before or after school and that they do not go on the climbing frames. Many thanks for your help.

## Our curriculum learning this term

### Reading

**Reading at Home!** Please ensure that your child brings their reading diary into school every day. We do not have a set day for changing books so when your child is ready to change their books, there is a box in class to place it in. If your child reads 4 or more times in a week, they will get a reading treat in school on a Friday afternoon. Please read with your child as much as possible as it really does help them to become fluent readers and develop a love of books and reading. In addition to this, the children will be able to choose another book to bring home. They might not be able to read this independently but can be shared with an adult to further encourage a love for reading.

**Amazing Reads and our Amazing Authors!** Each half term we have a featured author. Our 'Amazing Author' for our next term will be Sue Hendra. We also have a list of our 'Year One's Amazing Reads'. A copy of this can be found at the end of the Autumn newsletter. These are quality texts that previous children in Year 1 have particularly enjoyed. During this term, we will have a high

focus on sharing these with the children.

## English

In English, we will be learning to:

- Retell and innovate stories and poems
- Write captions and longer sentences
- Write in different genres, such as instructions, character descriptions and stories
- Find words that mean the same
- Use finger spaces, capital letters and full stops

## Maths

In Maths, we will be learning to:

- Add and subtract numbers within 20
- Recall our number bonds to 10
- Understand partitioning (splitting a number into tens and ones)
- Measure items by length, height, mass and volume

## Geography

In Geography, we will be learning all about:

- Name and locate the 4 countries of the U.K.
- London is the capital city of England
- Human and physical features of Bolton, Daisy Hill and Westhoughton
- Make a map of the school site
- Use simple compass directions

## Computing

In Computing, we will be learning to:

- Log onto the computer safely
- Tell you what an algorithm is, debug an algorithm and give and follow simple commands
- Stay safe online

## History

In History, we will be learning all about:

- The Royal Family
- Comparing two British kings (King Charles III and King Henry VIII)
- Comparing Queen Victoria's reign and Queen Elizabeth II's reign
- Ask and answer questions about the coronation

## R.E. and P.S.H.E.

In R.E., we will be continuing our focus on Christianity.

We will be looking at two key questions:

- What do Christians believe God is like?
- Why does Easter matter to Christians?

In P.S.H.E., we follow the JIGSAW learning scheme. We will be looking at:

- Dreams and Goals (Spring A)
- Healthy Me (Spring B)

## Science

In Science, we will be learning all about Animals and Plants. These will be our key questions:

Animals including Humans:

Do all animals have the same senses as a human? Are you an animal? Do people with big hands have big feet? Is our sense of smell better when we can't see?

Plants:

How can we sort leaves, seeds and flowers that we have collected on our walk? Do all plants in our local area look the same? What type of plant grows the quickest? Do taller trees have the bigger leaves?

## Events Coming Up

We have some exciting events coming up in school this term.

Please check our **School Website** regularly to ensure you are aware of the events coming up. Click the blue link below to visit our **Events Calendar**:

[Events calendar – Eatock Primary School](#)

