

# Year 1 Newsletter

Just a few notes to keep you updated on what's happening in Year 1 over this Spring half term.



## Science, Geography, History and Religious education

As part of this half term's Science topic, we are learning about materials, looking closely at what different things are made from and describing their properties. We will be investigating a range of materials in class and in our role play. We will also be looking at the Weather and how it changes according to the Seasons.

In RE we will explore the Jewish Faith. We will also recognise how some special books are cared for by faith members and different places of worship.

In Geography we will be looking at where we live and looking at maps of our local area along with writing our home address.

In History we will be looking at how Materials have changed over time and their uses.

## Physical education

Class teachers will be teaching games on a Monday pm. On Wednesday pm Mrs Mars will begin gym lessons with Venus undertaking gym on a Thursday pm. The children will be continuing with the daily mile.

## PSHE

This half term's theme is 'Going for Goals'. The children will discuss what their strengths are and what they need to do to help themselves become good learners.

## Mathematics

This half term we will be consolidating the children's understanding of the number system to 20 and beyond and working on using addition and subtraction to help us to solve problems posed in words. We will be continuing with writing 'number sentences'. We will be continuing the concept of tens and units and learning how a 2 digit number is made up. We will also be looking at standard measurement. Please continue with supporting your child with their quick recall of pairs of numbers to 10.

## Materials



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## English

This half term we will continue to work with a range of genres including stories, non fiction and poetry. We will be developing the children's sentence writing by encouraging them to use a variety of interesting words and also to extend their sentences by adding phrases such as 'next' or 'because'. We will continue with daily Guided Reading and Phonics sessions. We will also be continuing with our weekly spellings and ask for your continued support in hearing your child read as often as possible.

## Music, Art and Design, Computing and Role Play

In Music this half term the children will be learning about keeping a steady beat using a range of different instruments along with body percussion and using our voice as an instrument.

In Design and Technology we will be investigating and designing the best material for a teddy and home to keep him safe and dry.

In Art we will be looking at weather pictures and creating our own using different media.

In Computing we will be using the new mini laptops to help to develop our skills.

This half term our Role Play area will be a Science Laboratory where the children will be able to use their investigating skills.