

# Year 1 Spring Newsletter



Happy New Year and welcome back to all of our children, parents and carers. We have had a lovely start to our term and children have been working very hard and shown determination in all aspects of their work. Please read our newsletter for important information regarding the Spring Term.



## Important Information:

**Start time:** School doors will open at 8:40 and close at 8:55am.

**Finish time:** 3:10pm

Children must come to school wearing full school uniform. This includes plain black footwear with no logos,

**PE days:** Our PE days will be Tuesday and Friday. Please can PE kits remain in school for the duration of the half term as PE days may change.

PE kit should consist of a plain dark green t-shirt, black shorts/joggers, plim-solls and appropriate outdoor footwear.

Children should not be wearing jewellery for PE, please ensure earrings are removed and hair is tied up away from the face.

## Class Dojo and Seesaw:

Please continue to use class dojo regularly to keep up with any messages from school. You can also contact your child's class teacher there to send a private message.



In Year 1, we will continue to use 'Seesaw' for some aspects of learning. This is a great app that allows you to be able to see your child's fantastic learning! Please make sure you sign up to this as we will be posting information to help you support your child's learning.

## Our Learning:

This term, our Geography topic is 'Home and Away'. Children will learn about where they live. They will explore continents, the countries that make up the United Kingdom, their capital cities and surrounding seas.

In Science, they will be investigating animals including humans. In Art, they will be studying the work of artist 'Henri Matisse'.

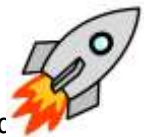


## Home Learning:

We are continuing with our whole school reading initiative '**Read for the Stars**'. Please can you continue to read with your child regularly at home. The expectation for KS1 is that the children **read at home 4 times a week**. We are excited to see who will reach the Sun!

The children will bring home a phonically decodable book to read.

**Please write in your child's reading journal when they have read with you and ensure that reading books come into school every day. This year, books will be changed after 3 reads to promote reading fluency.**



Children will receive spellings on a Frisbee and Class Dojo, these can then be learned over the week and will be tested the following Friday. The children will compete against other classes to get the highest average score to be in with the chance to become 'Royal Spelling Bee' for that week!