

Year 1 Green Class News

Spring 2024

A very warm welcome back to green class, we trust you had a good Christmas break and had some time to relax! This term will be very similar to the last in terms of home learning and routines so this is just a bit of a reminder.

Please refer to the attached topic web for a more detailed explanation of the learning that will be covered during this spring term.

Reading

Please continue to try to read with your child every week day for roughly 10 minutes. Their reading success is key to so many other areas of learning so support in this makes a huge difference overall. We are focusing more on reading fluency this term as they have now learnt all of the sounds and have a lot of practice with segmenting (breaking up) and blending (putting sounds back together) so the next thing for them to learn is to sound out the word in their head and then say the whole word. This will make their reading less disjointed and easier for them to follow the sentence they have read.

The best way to develop this is for a child to become familiar with a text so that they have already done the hard work of decoding trickier words and thinking about the storyline and can then focus on the flow of each sentence. We therefore ask that you continue to read the same book 3 times, the first for decoding, the second for understanding and the third time for inference and fluency. We expect you'll see a big difference each time your child reads the same book and this in turn increases their confidence as they can recognise their improvement.

Spellings and Phonics

As we no longer use spelling shed in year one we will continue to send home little wandle sheets that are linked to the sounds and words the children have covered during the week. Going through these with your child a few times is very helpful as it reinforces the new sounds, giving them another chance to pick them up if they haven't already grasped them in school. As they learn new sounds they will also begin to notice spelling patterns so practicing reading and writing the words on the sheet will further support their spelling.

Maths

The children are increasing their knowledge of place value and addition and subtraction this term so may come home with some mini activities to support their learning. We will also be introducing counting in 2s and 10s so any practice of this at home would benefit them.

Weekly timetable

The timetable is the same as last term. Miss Mason is our full time TA throughout the week.

Monday - Mrs Hooper	Tuesday - Mrs Hooper	Wednesday - Mrs Hooper	Thursday - Mrs Holding	Friday - Mrs Holding
Morning task Phonics Guided reading Maths English				
Handwriting and vocabulary	Geography and history	PE (indoors)	PE (outdoors)	Art and DT
RE (Mrs Crake)	ICT	Music and PSHE	Science	Forest school

Reminders

- Please make sure your child has a PE bag on their peg every day as some times we might change into trainers on a non PE day to do our exercise. They are welcome to have blue/black tracksuit bottoms for our outdoor PE while the weather is colder.
- Mrs Holding will keep you updated on when forest school clothes need to be in school as this will not be every week so keep an eye on dojo.
- Your child is welcome to bring in a morning snack if they would like. Fruit is still provided however there is no milk provision in year 1. Please make sure the snack is sugar free, ideally fruit or vegetables. Also please ensure your child has a water bottle in school every day, cartons or juice bottles are not appropriate for school.
- Please check that all uniform, PE kits, snack pots, hats etc are named to avoid losing anything.
- As always, don't hesitate to contact us via dojo if you have any queries or just need to drop us a quick message. We check regularly and aim to reply on the same day or the following day if not within working school hours.

We are looking forward to another fun term in green class!

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Hooper and Mrs Holding.