



Year One's Termly Newsletter

Welcome back to the Spring Term! We hope you've had a restful and enjoyable holiday. Here is some information you might need for Year One this term. If you have any questions, please come and see us.

Teachers: *Mrs Aldridge, Miss Higby and Mrs Glass* TAs: *Miss Eaglestone, Mrs Salvage, Mrs Rouse, Mrs Morley and Mrs Street.*

<p><u>Our Main Theme:</u> Space</p>	<p><u>English units:</u></p>	<p><u>Maths coverage:</u></p>
<p>History – Children will explore the lives and works of famous astronauts.</p> <p>D&T – Children will be using Papier Mache and clay to design and create their own rockets and planets. The skills that we will practising are: - Build structures, exploring how they can be made stronger, stiffer and more stable. - Select from and use a range of tools and equipment to perform practical tasks [for example, cutting, shaping, joining and finishing.</p> <p>Science – Children will be looking at the solar system and the apparent movement of the sun across the sky. They will be exploring seasonal patterns and how the day length varies over the seasons. The children will also be working scientifically on experiments such as launching our own rockets.</p> <p>Geography – Children will be looking at the 5 oceans and 7 continents in the World. They will be using their knowledge about the countries around the World to identify where specific Space Missions have launched from.</p>	<p>Our writing this term will focus on:</p> <p>Contemporary Fiction – Stories reflecting the children's own experience. Eg. Beegu and The Last Noo-Noo.</p> <p>Reports – Writing a simple, non-chronological report with a series of sentences to describe the subject.</p> <p>Poetry – Reading, writing and performing acrostic and shape poems. Reciting familiar poems by heart.</p> <p>Instructions – Writing simple instructions to make and fly a rocket.</p>	<p>Number and place value – numbers up to 100. Adding 2 digit numbers using useful strategies. Such as tens frames, cherry models, bar models, and number line.</p> <p>Sequencing – ordering the days of the week and months of the year.</p> <p>Measurement – using standard and non-standard units to measure and compare length/height, mass/weight and time.</p> <p>Multiplication and division – grouping and sharing numbers. Counting in 2s, 5s and 10s.</p> <p>Geometry – sorting 2D and 3D shapes by their properties.</p> <p>We want to build confident learners through lots of practical investigation and enquiry in Maths.</p>

Our **PE days** are Tuesday and Friday. Please provide your children with a suitable winter PE kit as it gets colder. The kit pupils need is: Outdoor shoes/trainers, track suit trousers, jumper, shorts, T-shirt. **Please ensure all belongings are named.**

Home Learning: Will go out on Wednesday for return the following Monday. We also ask that children read daily with an adult.

Other ways to help at home:

Phonics practice to Phase 5.
Learning number bonds up to 10/20/100.
Telling the time.

Reminders and Requests:

If you have any plastic bottles, balloons, or tin foil please can you send them into school for various experiments throughout the term.

Please make sure that children bring in their indoor and outdoor shoes and a named water bottle every day. Reading books are changed on Mondays and Fridays but must be in school every day. Please make sure that reading records are signed when you have read with your child even if it is not the reading book provided.

Forest School:

We will be continuing outdoor learning lessons this term, on alternate Thursdays, please see the letter attached for specific class dates. Please ensure your children have waterproof clothing with them that can get muddy on their forest school day.

Class assembly dates:

1BA – TBC
1EH - TBC

Trip / visitors / curriculum days –

Sports Fayre at Berkhamsted Sports Centre –
25th February

Light and dark Science workshop - TBC

If any parents could volunteer their time to help with reading, phonics or maths focused activities this term, please speak to your child's class teacher (8.30-9am and 2.30-3.15pm are helpful slots.) We would be extremely grateful! Parent helpers will be able to help every other week in school.