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Church of England (Aided) School

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Year 1 Newsletter Spring Term 3 and 4

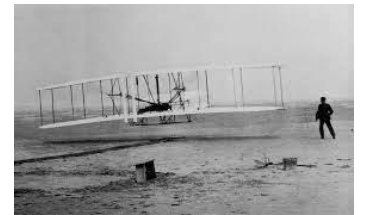
Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

We would like to wish you all a Happy New Year. We hope you enjoyed Christmas and all the festivities. The children have come back settled and we hope they continue to enjoy their time in Year 1.

Curriculum Overview

This term the children will be taught the following:

- English - RWI Phonics, Letter writing, recounts and information texts.
- Maths - Place value to 20 and 50, addition and subtraction to 20 and measurement.
- Science - Seasonal Changes, Animals and Humans
- PE - Dance and Gymnastic
- Music - Our topics this term are "Introducing tempo and dynamics" and "Combining pulse, rhythm and pitch".
- History - We will be learning about the Wright Brothers and the first flight.
- Geography - Where in the World in America?
- RE - Our first topic is called "God". We will be learning about Muslim beliefs. Our second topic is called "Community". We will be learning all about how Muslims express their beliefs and which celebrations are important.
- PSHE - Dreams and Goals and Healthy Me.



Reading and Homework

- Please continue to read to and listen to your child as much as possible. It is important they read the books sent home as much as possible to help fluency and understanding of the story. RWI books and home readers will be changed weekly. We read daily in RWI sessions but we also aim to hear your child read once a week.
- The children will now bring home a yellow sound book with Set 2 and 3 sounds in them. Please use this to recap the sounds learnt in school. We will also set RWI portal videos on seesaw. These are linked to the phonics lessons in class. Please watch these as much as possible with your children.
- Useful information and activities are shared on **Seesaw** so please ensure you have access to this. We also share photos of the children's learning on here.
- Lilly our reading Teddy may come home with your child. This is to encourage your child to share and read books at home. Please send Lilly back to school the next day and share any photos on seesaw.



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General Notices

- PE days are **Tuesday** and **Wednesday** this half term and then back to **Wednesday** and **Friday** after the half term holiday. Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit with them and that their PE kit is fully labelled with their name.
- Please ensure all uniform is labelled with your child's name. It is difficult to return lost uniform to the correct child when it is not labelled.
- Children may bring a bottle of water only into the classroom. Please ensure it is labelled.
- Please make sure children are bringing their book bag into school every day. We read home readers every morning as they come into school. Our day to change library books is Thursday. If the children wish to change their book, make sure it is in school on this day.
- **Date for Diary** - the Year 1 phonics screener will take place **Week Beginning 10th June**. Please ensure your child is in school this week and the week before to ensure they don't miss out on any learning. Please help them to learn letter sounds and hear them read as much as possible. Please see attached information on the screening check and watch the attached video link.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LbKGLJpp6ww>

Any concerns please make contact with the school office and they will arrange a time for me to call you.

Thank you Mrs Hill.