



FRANCES OLIVE ANDERSON
Church of England (Aided) School

'Being different, Belonging together'



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 our topic is 'Bright Lights, Big City'. As part of this topic we will be learning about our capital city London. The topic this term will cover the following things:

- English - RWI Phonics, story writing, information texts.
- Maths - Place value to 20 and 50, addition and subtraction to 20 and measurement.
- Science - Seasonal Changes
- PE - Dance and Gymnastic
- Music - Our topics this term are "Introducing tempo and dynamics" and "Combining pulse, rhythm and pitch".
- Topic- The Great Fire of London, The UK and Cities including London
- 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.
- Home learning ideas and homework is set on **Seesaw** so please ensure you have access to this. We also share photos of the children's learning on here and any other useful information.
- If you complete any of the home learning ideas on Seesaw either send the completed work in or complete on seesaw.
- 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.

General Notices

- PE days are **Tuesday** and **Friday**. Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit with them and that their PE kit is fully labelled with their name.
- 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. 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 12th June**. Please ensure your child is in school this week as the check can be on any day. Please help them to learn letter sounds and hear them read as much as possible. Please see attached information on the screening check.
- Thank you again for all your support, and if you do need to speak to us or need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.