

KS1 Spring Term

Handout for parents



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Please find detailed below some information about the upcoming term in KS1.

Learning in KS1

- In English, we are beginning the term by exploring the text, 'The Highway Rat.' The children will use the skills taught in class to produce writing to entertain the reader. Later in the term, we will be looking at writing to inform.
- In Maths, children will cover various topics in the spring term. Y1 children will cover topics including addition and subtraction, place value, shape and multiplication. Y2 will cover topics including money, multiplication and division, fractions and shape.
- In Science, our focus this term is on plants.
- In Computing, children are currently learning how to independently log on to the computer, type and manipulate text. Later in the term, children will begin to learn to code.
- In History, we will be learning about Queen Elizabeth II.
- In Geography, the children will be developing their place knowledge as they look closely at the city, Newcastle.
- In Art, children will be exploring digital media, which we will be linked to Queen Elizabeth II.
- In Design Technology, we will be looking closely at free standing structures.
- In RE, children will be looking closely at important, inspiring people as well as how Christians celebrate Easter.
- In PE, children will be focusing on games, gymnastics and dance.
- In Music, children will learn to listen and appraise a range of different types of music. They will take part in different musical activities and have the opportunity to perform and share within class.

PE

- Detailed below are the usual days for KS1 PE but at times, these can change so it is important that children bring their PE kit to school on a Monday and take it home on a Friday.
- Moonlight and Starlight's PE day is a Monday.
- Rainbow's PE day is a Wednesday.
- Please ensure your child has the correct PE uniform in school and that long trousers and a jumper/hoodie are brought into school for outdoor PE.
- Please label your child's PE kit.

Upcoming Visits/Visitors

- Techytots will be visiting school to deliver a fun, exciting coding workshop to each class.
- A nurse from accident and emergency will be discussing her role as we look at important, inspiring people.
- Each class are scheduled to visit Chester-le-Street Library in either the spring or summer term.
- An illustrator will be visiting children to share her enthusiasm and experiences with the children. Each class will also take part in a workshop with her.
- An external visit is due to take place in the summer term and you will receive more details regarding this closer to the time.

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<p><u>Parent Meetings</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Y1 Phonics Screening Meeting to be held on Wednesday 4th March at 3.30pm● Y2 SATs Meeting to be held on Wednesday 11th March at 3.30pm.● Parents Evening will be held on the 18th and 19th March. <p>At these meetings we will discuss the formalities of the assessments and give you strategies to support your children at home. If you cannot attend the meeting, please don't worry. We will produce handouts detailing the information that is shared.</p>	<p><u>Homework</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Homework will continue to be given out on a Wednesday to be completed by Monday.● A homework overview of the half term will be sent out at the start of the half term.● There will be spellings given out with homework every week. These will consist of spelling/phonics patterns taught in class as well as common exception words/high frequency words.
<p><u>Reading</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Every child should have a home-reading book and should be encouraged to read every night (even if it is just one page).● Please ensure your child's reading log is signed once the book is complete so it can be changed within school.● We will be assessing your child's reading regularly and moving their reading stages accordingly. This will be based on your child's fluency and their ability to answer comprehension questions on the text they are reading.● The children will practise their reading skills within school in both their English lessons and whole class guided reading.	<p><u>Twitter</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● To keep updated on activities that we are doing, you can follow our Twitter Feed either on the 'Our Class' section of the website or if you have a Twitter account by following us on @RedRoseKS1● Our main school Twitter handle is @RedRosePrimary

Contact

If you have any questions or queries regarding your child's education or the school day, please contact your child's pastoral class teacher in the first instance who will endeavour to answer your query as quickly as possible. Should you feel the need to take the matter further, please contact Mrs Holt.

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