



Year 1 newsletter Spring 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy new year and a big welcome back to the first half of the Spring term. The children had an amazing autumn term and thoroughly enjoyed their nativity performances.

Over the past few weeks the children have been learning about materials and properties, the changes of seasons, how Christmas is celebrated around the world, friendships and belonging, recognising money and adding coins and sequencing stories.

As always home/school links are vital to support the progress of the children. Please continue to support your child at home; listening to your child read every day will really help them. Please leave a comment in their reading record to let us know how they're getting on as you listen to them read. Children need to ensure that they return their library books to school every Friday, this will enable them to receive a new book of their choice.

Encourage your child to complete their Mathletics tasks and weekly homework. Homework will now be sent out on a **Thursday** and returned the following **Thursday**. This will allow the children time to complete all activities before Fridays celebration assembly.

Gainsborough's Stars!

Children from year 1-6 will be celebrating being a "Gainsborough Star". To qualify to be a Gainsborough Star, children need to be in school every day and on time, complete all their homework and must not have worked their way down the Consequence chart to time out. If they meet the criteria, then they will have a special treat during their lunchtime this term. Please encourage your child to work hard at this so that they can work towards being a Gainsborough Star!

Please remember that our PE days are Mondays and Thursdays and that all children need to bring an appropriate PE kit to school on these days.

Come and join us for a year one curriculum evening on Tuesday 16th January from 3:30-4:15pm. We will be focusing on reading with your child and how you can support them at home.



Bow Bells and Loch Ness

Our learning in this half term

In English, we will be reading 'The Naughty Bus' by Jan and Jerry Oke. We will be focus on story sequences, understanding/ summarizing what we have read and writing recounts. In Maths we will be recapping addition and subtraction beyond 20, identifying place value, mass and weight in g and kg, 2D and 3D shapes. For science our focus will be on materials and properties. In RE we are focusing on what it means to live with friends and family. The title of the PSHE topic for this half term is Changing Me. We will be looking at life cycles, how our bodies have changed from when we were a baby and identifying the parts of the body that make boys different to girls. If you would like to discuss the content of these lessons please don't hesitate to contact your class teacher or make an appointment to see me regarding this matter.

Some key dates

Thursday 11th January —Loch Ness trip to West Ham Bus Depot 9-12pm

Friday 12th January —Bow Bells trip to West Ham Bus Depot 9-12pm

Tuesday 16th January—3.30—4.15 Curriculum evening

Thursday 22nd February—Book fair arrives

Thursday 22nd February—Parents evening

Monday 26th February—Y1 parents meeting (phonic screening)

Thursday 1st March—World book day

Thursday 1st March—St David's day

Friday 16th March—St Patrick's day

Thursday 29th March— International day

Mrs Agar (Year 1 lead)