



Year 1 newsletter Spring 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of the Spring term.

Over the past few weeks the children have been learning about materials and properties, Jewish cultures and traditions, mass, 2d shapes and re-counts.

As always home/school links are vital to support the progress of the children. Year One will be introducing parent reading mornings every Friday beginning on 2nd March from 8.50 to 9.10am. During this time you will have the opportunity to read with your child, listen to them read and ask them questions about the books that they have been reading. We are encouraging all parents to participate each week.

As always please encourage your child to complete their Mathematics 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 Friday's celebration assembly.

Gainsborough's Stars!

Children from year 1-6 will be celebrating being a "Gainsborough Star". 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!

World book day

World Book day - **Thurs 1st March** This year we are having a pirate theme. All children and staff are invited to dress up as pirates (or in St. David's day colours as this is on the same day!). They can wear a pirate costume (these are available online or from Asda), alternatively they can wear stripes, an eye patch or a pirate hat. No donation is needed. Children are also encouraged to bring in their favourite book as throughout the day we



Bow Bells and Loch Ness

Our learning this half term

In English, we will be reading 'The Naughty Bus' by Jan and Jerry Oke. We will focus on story sequences, structures, the use of text, understanding/summarizing what we have read and writing stories. In Maths we will be recapping addition and subtraction beyond 20, recognizing coins, direction and time. For science our focus will be on materials and properties. In RE we are focusing on what it means to belong to Sikhism.

Artefacts

To enrich the learning experiences for our children across the school, we are asking parents if you have any religious artefacts that you no longer need such as prayer beads/mats, statues, traditional clothes.

We celebrate all of the religions and different cultures within our school and would greatly appreciate having resources that would bring the learning to life.

Some key dates

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