



Spring Term in Year One with Miss Crossley and Mr Clare



Welcome back to a new year in Year 1. We hope you've had a fabulous Christmas and are now ready to get back to work (and a bit of fun too)!

We're looking forward to working together on our new topic and having a creative year. We hope that you continue to rise to the new challenges and approaches to learning that Year 1 has to offer! Don't forget to look at our class web pages to find out more about what we've been doing and we'd love it if you would comment back to us.

2017 will be a busy year for our classes because we have lots of exciting things to learn! This term's topic is 'Inside Out...' and will be a Science, History and Design & Technology topic. We will be using our science skills to find out what goes on inside our bodies and how we keep inside and outside healthy. We will be investigating the history of medicine to explore how things have changed over the centuries. We will be visiting 'Eureka' in Halifax to discover more about how our bodies work and using our DT talents to create a life-sized puppet.

Phonics Screening Check

In June your child will take part in the Phonics Screening Check. We will be organising a meeting for parents to give you more information about what is expected of your child, how the check is run and how you can help your child. We hope you will attend, so look out for a letter at the start of the new term.

Spelling is Changing – no more Spelling Snails in Year 1!

Each Friday your child will be set some phonics spellings to be tested the following week. These will be based on the phonemes they will be learning that week. They will also be given a set of Exception Words to learn. These will be tested once every three weeks and if they do well they will get the next set of words. They will get a bronze mark for each exception word they can read and a silver mark for each word they can spell on their latest set of exception words. They will get a gold mark for words they can still read and spell from previous sets. (Watch out for the Phonics meeting in the new year where we will explain this all in more detail.)

Reading in Year 1

Your child will be given a book and a reading log to bring home and read throughout the week. They will need to bring their reading log and books in their book bags to school **every day**. Please listen to your child read and sign their log each day. The more they read the more prizes they can get! If you need any advice about reading with your child, please pop in and see us.

Parent reading sessions

In Year 1 Parents are invited to come along to Reading sessions on a Wednesday morning 8.45-9.00 and Tuesday afternoon 2.45-3.00. Make sure if you listen to your child read in these sessions that you record it in their reading log.

General Reminders...

- **Rewards** - We reward good behaviour, effort and achievement with Monster Points and Star of the Week. Monster points are given out throughout the week and at the end of the week a prize is given to the child who has earned the most points. Each week a star of the week is also chosen this can be for exceptional effort, kindness or generally being a credit to the class, the chosen child then 'Dines with the Stars' on Friday lunchtime and has their photo displayed in class.
- **Marvellous Missions** - Every week the children will be set a Marvellous Missions task. These books are sent home on a Friday and the work is due in the following Wednesday. We encourage children to complete these as independently as possible. Every week a Mission of the Week is chosen from each class and their photos will be displayed in the cloakroom.
- **PE Days** - Please ensure your child has a clearly labelled PE kit in school all week (rainy days may mean that outdoor PE sessions have to take place on different days). Your child needs to ensure they have their correct kit and that all jewellery is taken out before school. Earrings have to be removed, we cannot allow children to take part in PE lessons wearing earrings even if they have plasters over them!
- As space is limited in cloak rooms we encourage you to allow your child to come into school **independently**. Please do not hesitate to come in and ask questions if you have any.
- Children only need to bring their reading log, reading book, spellings and marvellous mission. All stationary is provided in school, so please do not overload their bags.
- All children need indoor shoes and these must be clearly labelled.

Don't forget if you have any questions or queries please don't hesitate to pop in and see us!