



Spring Term in Year One with Miss Crossley and Mr Clare



Welcome back to Year One! We hope you've all had a wonderful Christmas break.

In the first half term our topic is called '**Camelphantelopelicanary**', and we will be investigating animals and creating our own beasts! Our second topic is called '**Flora**', when we will become garden designers. Keep an eye on the blog and twitter to find out about what we have been getting up to and we'd love it if you would add a few comments to encourage us all.

Spring will be a busy time for our classes and we will be exploring our school to find out about all the animals and plants in our environment. The first topic is '**Camelphantelopelicanary**', which will be a Science and Art topic where we get to investigate how different categories of animals are adapted to their environments and then use our knowledge to design a new beast. We will be arranging a trip to The Yorkshire Wildlife Park to get close up with the animals. In the second half of Spring Term, for our topic '**Flora**' we will be developing our science skills further by investigating plants to create a sensory garden for EYFS.

Phonics Screening Check

In June your child will take part in the Phonics Screening Check. Please do not worry too much about it because we will make sure that your child has the support they need to do their best. We will provide practise materials when required but please talk to us if you have any concerns about anything connected to the Phonics Screening Check. Please look out for a letter inviting you to a parent information session this Spring Term.

Spelling

This term we will be introducing the children to Spelling Shed, which is accessible online or through an app. This is a range of games that sets spelling challenges for children. Children will have an individual logon and password to access the spelling games in order to develop their reading and spelling.

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! We make a commitment to changing your child's reading book once a week, but often they will be changed twice a week in order to maintain accelerated progress.

Times Tables

We will also be introducing the children to Times Table Rockstars, which is also accessible online or through an app. Children in other year groups responded enthusiastically to TTR and have shown great improvement in their mental maths skills. Children will have another individual logon and password to access the maths games and take part in challenges.

General Reminders...

- **Rewards** - We reward good behaviour, effort and achievement with House Points and Star of the Week. House points are given out throughout the week and are added to the grand total for each house. Each Friday 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 Monday 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.
- **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 (House team top, shorts, trainers and tracksuit top and bottoms) and that all jewellery is taken out before school including earrings.
- 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 and marvellous mission book. 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!