

## Year One Spring 1 newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New year! We hope everyone has had an enjoyable time over the Christmas break. During this half term, our learning is based on a story called 'Handa's Surprise' by Eileen Browne'. Please see the curriculum overview overleaf to see what skills we will be covering this half term and how to help your child at home.

### Staff Working With Your Child:

These are the following teachers and other adults who will be working with your child this year:

Teachers	Other Adults
Mrs Ali/Miss Jacques	Mrs Ahmed
Mrs Choudhury/Miss Sharma	Mrs Begum and Mrs Mahmood
Mrs Anwar	Mr Ismaieel
Mrs Steyn	Mrs Hasan

### Reminders:

- PE lessons are on **Tuesday mornings**. As it is getting colder, please ensure that your child has a suitable kit that is brought in at the start of the week ready for the lesson.
- Please make sure that **all items of uniform** are **clearly labelled**.
- Library sessions are weekly on **Wednesday afternoons** so please ensure your child is ready to return their library book on this day.
- Please ensure your child comes to school every day with their **book bag** and **home reading book**.
- Send your child to school with a **named water bottle** to drink from throughout the day.

### Reading and Homework:

- Please encourage your child to read at home **every day**. We will monitor your child's reading record to ensure they are reading at home and that the reading record is being signed by an adult.
- **Homework books** will be sent out every **Friday** and are expected to be back in school by the following **Wednesday**. Please support your child by discussing and sharing ideas. Please make sure the work is completed by your child.
- **Spelling lists** will now be sent home every **Friday**. Please support your child at home to work on these.

### Parents Open Morning

As most of you will remember from our Parent workshop last term, we discussed what the **benefits of reading** were for your child. As a result we are excited to announce that we will be having a weekly **open session on Thursday mornings!** This is for you to come in and **support your child** on a range of activities in relation to reading.

- **Sessions are from 8:40am – 8:55am, every Thursday** starting from Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January. Please come into your child's class with them promptly so that they have the maximum amount of time with you.

If you have any questions or concerns or would like to know more information please speak to your child's class teacher. We look forward to working with you and thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely  
Mrs R Ali  
Year One Leader

E-mail: maidenhall.primary.admin@lbc.luton.sch.uk ; Website: www.maidenhallprimary.co.uk

## Literacy

This half term the children will be focusing on the storybook 'Honda's Surprise'. Children will be creating detailed story maps and transferring them into well written stories.

### How to help your child at home:

- Read and listen to a variety of stories at home
- Ask questions about the stories
- Visit the library
- Practise Phonics at home – reading real and nonsense words

## Maths

This term the children will be focusing on number, addition and subtraction. They will be counting, forwards and backwards, finding number bonds to 10 and working with numbers up to 100.

### How to help your child at home:

- Number songs and games
- Reading and counting using numbers up to 100.
- Add and subtract numbers
- Using a hundred square/number line
- Match numbers to objects.

## Science

This term Year 1 will be exploring birds and animals and Polar places. Children will be bird-watching and making bird feeders.

Children will be locating polar places on a world map, describing simple properties of everyday materials needed for different locations, asking questions and answering in different ways.

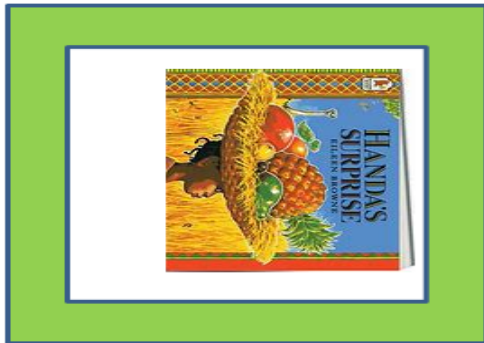
## Computing

This term the children will be learning how to use computers/laptops/iPads to paint.

## Geography

Identify seasonal and daily weather patterns in the United Kingdom and the location of hot and cold areas of the world in relation to the Equator and the North and South Poles.

Children will use world maps, atlases and globes to identify the United Kingdom and its countries, as well as the countries, continents and oceans studied at this key stage.



## DT

This term the children will be learning about some fruits from around the world. Children will be making a fruit salad using different fruits. This will link in with all the subjects for this term.

## Music/PSHE/Circle Time/RE

Children will participate in weekly music, PSHE and RE lessons. The weekly lessons will allow children to talk about current affairs and develop expressing their feelings and opinions.

In R.E. children will learn about Islam: Who is a Muslim and what do they believe?

## PE

During this half term, children will be developing their fundamental movement skills through ball skills, gymnastic skills, developing spatial awareness and aiming for targets correctly.

Children will be taught P.E. in their colour houses to promote teamwork.