

Year One
Spring 2 newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Hope you all have had a good half term break with the children. During this half term, our learning is based on a story called 'The Gruffalo' by Julia Donaldson. 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	Mrs Begum
Mrs Choudhury/Miss Sharma	Mrs Ahmed and Mrs Mahmood
Mrs Anwar	Mr Ismaieel
Mrs Steyn	Mrs Hasan

Reminders:

- PE lessons are on **Tuesday mornings**. As it is still quite cold, 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

A child's reading skills are important to their success in school and work. In addition, reading can be a fun and imaginative activity for children, which opens doors to all kinds of new worlds for them.

We are pleased to announce that after the success of our parent mornings in spring 1, we will be continuing this session **every Thursday morning** this half term. Please remember that this session 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 morning**. 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

Literacy

This half term the children will be focusing on the story 'The Gruffalo' by Julia Donaldson. Children will be learning about sentence writing skills and how to create a detailed character description.

How to help your child at home:

- Read and listen to a variety of stories at home
- Ask questions about story characters
- Ask children to use adjectives to describe characters.
- Practise Phonics at home – reading real and nonsense words

Maths

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

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 learning about plants. Children will be planting seeds and keeping a seed diary. Children will be learning how to sort and classify different plants and trees.

Computing

This term the children will be learning how to be painters. They will be using 'Purple Mosh' software as well as 'show me' apps.



PE

During this half term, children will be developing their fundamental movement skills through: dance, gymnastic skills and ball skills.

Music/PSHE/Circle Time

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

Geography

We will be learning about what it's like where we live

- Places of interest to go to
- Physical and natural features
- Reading plans and maps
- Creating maps

Art
We will be focusing on Observational drawings:

- The artist Claude Monet
- Drawing types of lines
- Using different mediums
- Creating observational drawings