

# Year 1 Spring Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year.

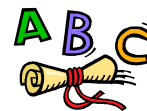
We are very pleased with the way the children have settled into their classes and we feel that the transition between Foundation and Year 1 has been smooth. As the children grow in confidence, we will be encouraging them to work more independently.



Our topic work for the first part of the term will be based on Toys and Teddies. This will include a workshop run by Denny Abbey and Farmland museum on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January exploring toys from the past. This will help the children to understand how our toys are different from those of the past. Later in the term we will be exploring the village and visiting the church. The children will learn about the main geographical features of the village, draw maps and plans and discuss their likes and dislikes. We also hope to visit Milton Country Park.

In our science lessons we will be exploring materials and experimenting with forces and finding out about pushes and pulls. We will be describing the speed and direction of moving objects. We will also explore the forces seen at the local playground and design and make a playground in our DT lessons.

The children have made lots of progress in their writing so far this year and they are always working to improve their phonic knowledge, sentence structure and handwriting. This term in our Literacy lessons we will be exploring stories from a range of cultures as well as stories with patterned language. We will also be retelling traditional tales/fairy tales and writing additional lines and verses. Over the term we will be investigating information texts and writing information to go with objects, photographs etc.



In Maths this term we will be comparing the weights of objects and practicing using a balance. We will be sorting 2-d and 3-d shapes by the number of sides, edges and faces they have. Our work involving numbers will include counting on and back in ones, twos and tens, recognising doubles, partitioning numbers into tens and ones, investigating addition pairs up to 10 and ordinal numbers. We are going to be working with money to include adding coins and giving change. Using real coins with your child at home would be beneficial. To make lessons exciting for Year 1 we try to put Maths into real life situations and investigations.



This term we will be using the digital camera and the keyboard to make labels for artefacts. We will be researching favourite toys and use a data-handling package to display our findings. We will also use a programmable floor robot, focusing on position and direction.

Our indoor PE lessons are going to be travelling and balancing in gymnastics. In our outdoor games lessons we will be developing our kicking and striking and throwing and catching skills. Our dance lessons will be linked to our toy theme and we will develop our sequencing skills.



We will be singing and playing percussion instruments during our Feel the Pulse music topic. We will be making rhythmic patterns and learning to keep the beat.

The after school clubs available to Year 1 children this term are; Yoga club on Tuesdays and Dance Club and Music Club on Wednesdays.

Homework will continue to be given out on Thursdays. This should be completed and returned to school by the following Tuesday.

Thank you for your support returning book bags on the correct days and ensuring PE kits are in school. If there is anything that you would like to discuss with us, please let us know.

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Regards,  
The Year 1 Team.