

Year 1 Spring Term Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely break and are ready for the exciting term ahead! It's been amazing to see how well the children have settled into Year 1 and how eager they are to learn each day. We have a fantastic term ahead of us with plenty of fun activities!

Our Weekly Schedule

- **Monday:** Forest School (Morning)
- **Tuesday:** PE Session.
- **Tuesday:** Reading books are changed.
- **Thursday:** PE session.



What We Are Learning

Subject	Focus for Spring Term 1 & 2
Reading	Lost and Found , The Polar Bear and the Snow Cloud, Somebody Swallowed Stanley , Commotion in the Ocean, The Messy Magpie and Princess and the Pea.
Writing	Story maps, letter writing, posters and predictions. Focusing on capital letters, finger spaces, and full stops. Using verbs, exclamation marks, and writing narratives with past/present verbs.
Maths	Place Value: Understanding that "teen" numbers are made of 10 and some more. Number Lines: Using number lines to find 1 more/1 less and estimating where numbers go. Calculations: Learning to add by "counting on" and subtract by "counting back." Place value to 50, counting in tens, length, height, volume, and weight.

Science	Identifying animal groups (mammals, fish, etc.) and investigating materials (wood, plastic, metal).
History/Geography	Locating the UK and the Poles; exploring how our high streets have changed over time.
Art & DT	Drawing birds, exploring sculpture, and junk modeling to create nests.

Key Information for Home

- **Reading:** We encourage children to read for 10-15 minutes each day. Please record each session in their reading journal.
- **Phonics:** Children participate in a 30-minute lesson daily to build decoding skills. Simple activities may be sent home to reinforce this.
- **PE Uniform:** Please ensure children wear a Bolshaw t-shirt, shorts, and trainers. Jogging bottoms are needed as the weather gets colder.
- **Forest School Kit:** Children need a pair of wellies or boots and waterproofs every Monday.

Important: Please ensure everything is **clearly labelled** with your child's name.

Thank you for your continued support, Miss Smith