

Dear Parents/Carers,

HAPPY NEW YEAR! We hope you have all had a fantastic Christmas! Thank you so much for the Christmas wishes, cards and gifts we received; they were very thoughtful and gratefully received☺.
Here is the first newsletter of 2018 to keep you informed of all we have planned for this half term.

Topic

Our literacy learning this half term is based on the text 'Fantastic Mr Fox'. The children absolutely love books written by Roald Dahl; they are already so enthusiastic about the story and we have only read 4 chapters! They have so far created character descriptions and 'Wanted' posters for the farmers and Mr Fox – Well Done Y1RE! In Maths, we will be focusing on time and addition and subtraction with a focus on problem solving. In History, we will be basing learning around Florence Nightingale, Art will focus on the artist Lowry and our Science topic is Materials.

PE

PE will continue to take place on Tuesday mornings with Mr Walker and the second session will be on Friday morning. We would appreciate it if children could have their indoor and outdoor PE kit in school throughout the week, just in case any last-minute timetable changes take place. Can we also ask that all PE kit is labelled with your child's name (to minimise loss of possessions) and that girls have a spare bobble in their PE bag (for health and safety) as well as spare socks if they are wearing tights to school. Finally, we ask that all children have a spare pair of pants in their PE bag in case of any toilet incidents.

Morning routine

We cannot believe that we have completed 1 full term in Year 1 already! We have seen such an increase in independence since September and wanted to say a massive well done to the children for this! We are always looking to further develop this and we would like to encourage the children to say goodbye to their grownups at the cloakroom door rather than waving at the classroom window. We want to thank you all for your continued support with this.

Reading/Phonics

Now that we have got our teeth into Phase 5 phonics, we have seen huge amounts of progress being made – children are all enthusiastic about this next stage in their learning and have taken it into their stride. As well as whole class phonics and reading sessions, we aim to listen to children read on a 1:1 basis every week. We hope that children read at home with an adult at least 3 times a week to ensure continuous progress is being made. Additional dojos will be given to those children who read regularly at home, to acknowledge and reward their dedication and hard work.

Show and Tell

Due to our timetable being filled with even more exciting learning opportunities now we are in the full flow of Year 1, we have had to say a sad farewell to Show and Tell. We would still love to hear about any achievements from afterschool clubs and any contributions to our topics are welcome ☺ but anything that is outside of these two categories, we would ask is kept at home.

If you have any questions/concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us and make an appointment to discuss these further.

Many thanks for your continued support,
Mrs Rotherforth and Mrs Esposito