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How can you help your child?

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- The school gate opens at 8:45am. Help your child to get to school on time as we start learning as soon as your child arrives. The register is taken by 9:00am.
- Send your child to school wearing the correct school uniform so they feel a valued part of our school community. On a Wednesday, **Year 1 have PE in the afternoon** so the children will need to come to school in their PE kits.
- Home reading books – at an appropriate reading level - will be changed every Wednesday so please send your child into school with their reading book in a book bag EVERY DAY. **Please listen to your child read as much as you can and sign their reading record to indicate you have done so.**

Members of staff in year 1 this year

Year 1PG

Mrs Gibby, Miss Whyte & Mrs Amos

Year 1GW

Miss Woods & Mrs Garrett

Year 1 Spring Learning

Welcome back to the Spring term. We hope you had a lovely Christmas break.

This leaflet gives you some information about what your child will be learning this coming term. Overleaf, we have given you some more detailed information about subjects such as maths, science and reading but you are welcome to ask us if you wish to know more.

Feel free to speak to members of staff from year 1, who are available at the gate in the mornings, or someone from your child's class after school, once the majority of children have been dismissed.

Reading

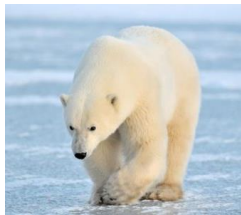
The children in Year 1 will be learning their letters and sounds in RWI lessons and using these to read a range of texts with increasing fluency as they progress.

As well as being able to read the words in the book, comprehension is important so the children will be taught how to find the answers to questions about the text read to show their understanding.

You can support your child by reading for a short time every day. This can be their home reading books from school or a favourite book or comic from home. You can also encourage them to read words all around such as signs, information found on leaflets or packaging or newspapers.

Science

The children will be learning about plants and seasons. When walking to and from school please look out for the different signs of Winter. This ties in nicely with our theme of Polar Places as we will be looking at a range of plants and animals that can be found in polar climates.



We will be continuing to find out about different materials, especially those that will work well in freezing conditions.

Geography

In Geography, we will be looking at our local area and then taking four virtual journeys looking at coastal, rainforest, desert and city locations. Our aim is to help the children learn to compare these different places so they can talk about what is the same and what is different.

Your child will also find out about the world's continents, seas and oceans and be able to locate them on a map.

Art / Computing

In Art we will be finding out all about colour by looking at the way the artist Kandinsky chose and used colour in his art in a particular way.

Computing picks up on a similar theme, looking at the way particular artists work. We will be trying to reproduce their art digitally using ipads and laptops.



Useful Websites:

Oxford Owl: www.oxfordowl.co.uk

Ed Shed: www.edshed.com

BBC Bitesize: www.bbc.com/education

Maths

This term we will continue to develop the children's understanding of addition and subtraction using our *Smart Maths* approach to learning: We will be doing this practically first, then writing down our maths stories which will even include adding and subtracting halves and quarters. Then we will move on to doing simple multiplication calculations.

Ways to help your child:

- Practise add and taking away numbers using numbers within 20
- count forwards and back within 50
- count forwards and back in tens within 100
- compare the length of objects using the words longer, longest, shorter, shortest
- find different 2D shapes on the journey to school
- talk about and show them o'clock and half past times
- work towards adding and subtracting using the vertical method

RE

Our RE topic for this term is 'Questions That Puzzle Us'. We will focus on learning about lots of different aspects of Christianity, exploring different ideas such as God, religion and other puzzling questions. We will also learn about a range of religious stories and the meanings behind them