

YEAR 1 SPRING 2

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER 2023

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back after the holidays! I am looking forward to another exciting half term in Year 1. The lead-up to Easter is always a busy time and we have lots of activities planned. Please see the important dates section.

In English this half term, we will be making cross curricular links with history as we explore toys old and new. We will be focusing on a book called Lost in the Toy Museum, where the children will be given the opportunity to further develop their descriptive writing. The children will continue to use adjectives and conjunctions as they write a character description. Later in the half term, the children will move onto a non-fiction text about toys, and we will write our own report linked to our trip to a toy museum. Our trip is currently planned for Tuesday 14th March 2023 and as soon as I have confirmation, I will send you further details including the cost of this day trip.

As part of our World Book Day celebrations, we are going to visit the library on Wednesday 1st March. I will post some pictures on Twitter at the end of the day so please check them out! There will also be other activities in school on World Book Day.

Year One will continue to have their spelling test every Friday. The list of spellings for the half term will be sent home in the first week back. Please continue to practise your child's weekly spellings with them as this supports them hugely with their reading, writing and phonics. This half term during our guided reading sessions, we will continue to focus on reading comprehension with the children.

In maths, we will be consolidating our knowledge of numbers to 50 focusing on counting forward and backwards as well as understanding the place value of these numbers. We will then move onto the topic of length and height where the children will practice measuring and comparing. We will continue to do weekly mental maths lessons. Please encourage your child to play 'hit the button' as this fun, interactive game allows them to develop their quick recall of maths facts.

To find out more about the other curriculum areas we will be studying this half term, please visit our website to see our [knowledge organisers](#). Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. Many thanks,

Mr M Waddington
Year 1 Class Teacher

Important Days

Monday

Reading books to be changed.

Thursday & Friday

PE lesson (come in PE kit).

Friday

Spelling Test.

Important Dates

Sunday 26th February
Family Mass 11am

Wednesday 1st March
Trip to library

Thursday 2nd March
World Book Day

Friday 10th March
Non-Uniform Day
Good Shepherd Fundraiser

Tuesday 14th March
Trip to Museum.

Friday 17th March
Non-Uniform Day Red Nose Day.

Monday 20th March
Easter Workshop 2pm

Tuesday 28th March
Parents Evening 4pm-6.30pm

Thursday 30th March
Parents Evening 4pm-6.30pm

Friday 31st March
Whole School Mass 9.30am

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School Closes