



Year 1 News Spring Term 2016



Happy New Year!

Welcome back. We hope you had a good Christmas holiday. Our topic this half term will be 'Animals'. We will be learning to identify and name a variety of animals, thinking about what they eat, where they live and what makes them unique. To support this work we will be visiting the Horniman Museum to attend an animals and habitat, and visit the Aquarium where we will look at a variety of aquatic life. **Class 1B visit first on 1st March, followed by 1P on 2nd March.** They will travel by Greenwich Passenger Services coach, and will need a packed lunch and drink for their visit.

In literacy this term we will be focussing on some traditional tales such as 'Little Red Riding Hood' and 'Hansel and Gretel', and the familiar story 'We're going on a bear hunt'. We are linking these stories to other areas of the curriculum such as History and Geography. We will be going on a year group walk through Oxleas Woods to Sevendroog Castle on **Friday 15th January**, learning to use and create our own maps. We will be focussing on handwriting this term, particularly on where the letters should be placed when using lined paper. In phonics sessions we will be continuing to learn new sounds and using these in reading and writing.

Barnaby bear will continue to visit children's homes for a week. Please keep an eye out for Barnaby Bear to come home with your child. We are looking forward to seeing Barnaby's adventures this term.

Class 1B will be going to **Forest School** this half term starting on **Monday 11th January**. Please make sure your child has appropriate clothes for the weather. There will be a separate letter to ask for volunteers. 1P will be going after half term.

Please make sure your child has black shorts and a white T-shirt with their name on for **PE Sessions**. Kit can be taken home to be washed on Fridays and needs to be back at school on Mondays. Please leave your kit in school during the week in case our sessions change. PE days this term are Wednesday and Thursday.

We will be finding out about belonging to a faith this half term in our **RE Sessions** and looking at a range of artefacts. We will also be focussing on the Chinese celebration of New Year and we'll be hosting a Chinese New Year reading session, which parents will be invited to come along to.

For Home Learning, we will send home selected words from their spelling walls for the children to learn. This will go home on a Friday and is expected to be learnt by Wednesday morning when we will revisit it in phonics. Please also read with your child daily. They bring home a book each day and the children also have a reading contact book for recording comments. Please use the school website to support your child's learning in phonics and practise sounds and vocabulary. For maths, the children have individual logins for My Maths and there will be work set each week on a Friday.

Educational Visits continue. If you have paid your terms contribution towards the cost of **educational visits** we thank you. If you have yet to pay, please do so as soon as possible. If you are unsure of your position please contact the school office who will be happy to help.

If you have any questions please come and ask.

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