



St. Anne's C.E. (VC) Primary School

"Making Learning a Life Long Friend"

FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE PERSON WITH PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

RE : YEAR 1 SPRING TERM NEWSLETTER

Hello Year 1 families,

We hope you have had a wonderful break; we are looking forward to seeing you all this week.

Our topic this half term is Polar Adventures. Within this topic we will continue learning about the continents and oceans by naming and locating them, we will look at seasonal changes, the weather and we will learn about explorers Ernest Shackleton and Scott of the Antarctic.

We are very excited for our school trip on the 7th of January to Peak Wildlife.

We are very lucky to have volunteers in each to hear your children read, each child should be heard individually at least once a week. To ensure your child is getting a new book when they are finished with it please make sure it is going in the box that is brought down the ramp each morning. If the book is in the box this will mean they will have a new book at the end of the day. We do keep an eye on the children who say they have not read at home and do not need their books changing. We will also make sure to check on the children that go to Kids Club. Also if you are wanting to keep the book longer then we recommend you write this into the reading record or do not put it in the box.

We will be aiming to update your child's key ring termly based on assessment. Please continue to hear your child read as often as possible (ideally 5 to 10 minutes each day), focussing on the building up of their key ring knowledge, and write in their reading diary even if it is only a quick initial to indicate that you have read with your child, or to make a comment about your child's reading.

It is the school's policy for all children to read at least 5 times a week. It is important to remember that young children often believe that 'reading' only consists of reading and discussing books that you have at home, or obtain from the library, together with reading labels and signs and other print that children see around them. A love of books and reading is one of the most precious, important gifts anyone can give a child. Your child will reap the benefits for the rest of their lives. Reading encourages imagination, builds understanding, opens up new worlds and helps children reach their full potential. Please make sure that your child's key ring, reading book is in your child's bag every day.

	8:50-9	9- 9:25	9:30-10:30	10:35-10:50	10:55-11:15	11:15-12:10	12:10-1:05	1:10-1:20	1:25-2:10	2:10-3:00		3:05-3:15
Monday	Registration	Phonics	Literacy	Break time	Guided reading	Maths	Lunch time	Handwriting	Science	PSHE	Worship in the hall	Home time and story time
Tuesday		Phonics	Literacy		Guided reading	Maths		Class worship	Computing	Topic	Handwriting	
Wednesday		Phonics	Literacy		Guided reading	Maths		PPA		RE	PE	
Thursday		Phonics	Literacy		Guided reading	Maths		Hand writing	Topic	PE	Worship in the hall	
Friday		Phonics	Literacy		Guided reading	Maths		Picture news	NCETM	Music		

Phonics is a major part of Year 1, we are mixing with Year 2 for phonics and phonics is taught every day following the same the Read Write Inc. scheme.

In Maths this half term we are adding and subtracting using numbers within 20, we will be. We will also be learning about place value within 50 including comparing and ordering numbers within 50 and counting in 2s, 5s, and 10s.

Our PE days are now Wednesday with Mr Gamble and Thursday with myself and Deb from SCFC. Please send your child in their P.E kits for the day but we ask that they wear their school red jumper.

Homework and spellings will be sent home every Thursday and will be due in on a Tuesday. This may be in their homework book or as an online activity on Purple Mash.

Discipline will follow the Good to be Green reward system. Team points will be awarded by hard work and good behaviour, together with stickers and other rewards as appropriate, and we will continue the Star of the Week. We also have a special helper who wears a lanyard and does our special classroom jobs for the day.

To encourage writing we have a super hero writing chair, that the children get to sit on all day when they have tried their best with their writing.

Should you have any queries or concerns concerning your child, please do not hesitate to contact me, send an email (grace.murray@st-annes-browndge.staffs.sch.uk) or a Dojo message.

Yours sincerely,

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