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Dear Parents and Carers of children in Year 1,

Welcome to the Spring Term

We would like to share with you the exciting learning planned for the term. We hope that the information below helps you support your child over the coming term. Our topic for the first half of term will be 'important famous people' and for the second half of term it will be 'Growing and Spring'.

Reading

Over the course of this term in reading the children will be covering the following objectives:

- I can identify and discuss the title and key events.
- I can make different inferences based on what is said and done.
- I can predict what might happen.
- I can identify instructions.
- I can read information texts and find the answers to questions.
- I can read or listen to poems finding out what they are about and joining in with repeated phrases.

This will be done through guided reading sessions at school and through our English lessons.

Your child has the opportunity to change their coloured reading book each day and Monster phonic books will be changed on a Monday. Please read with your child regularly and remember comprehension is important so please discuss a book with your child after:

What did you enjoy?

What happened in the beginning/middle/end?

Can you describe that character?

What do you think will happen next?

Etc.

Writing

In writing throughout all subjects, it is expected that the children will always use a pencil to write with, use capital letters and full stops correctly and write using the cursive script. In school we encourage as much independent writing as possible and expect children to sound words out using their phonic knowledge. They should be able to spell tricky words correctly.

In our writing lessons we will be covering the following objectives:

- I can write sentences using full stops correctly
- I can write sentences using capital letters correctly
- I can join sentences
- I can write sentences using singular and plural correctly



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- I can write sentences using verbs correctly
- I can write sentences in the past tense
- I can write instructions
- I can write lines that rhyme
- I can use adjectives correctly

You can help at home by supporting your child to practise their cursive handwriting, sentences that involve using capital letters and full stops and learning their spellings/new phonic sounds.

Giving your child lots of opportunities to write is great eg birthday cards, shopping lists, signs around the house, letters etc.

Mathematics

In our maths lessons we will be covering the following area:

Place value (within 20)

Addition and subtraction (within 20)

Place value (within 50)

Length and height

Mass and volume

We will be following the White Rose scheme of work.

You can help at home by ensuring that your child recognise and can order all their numbers to 100 and can write numbers. Also playing games at home such as snakes and ladders or any games that involves dice and getting them to use their counting skills. Please do look at the weekly class news so you can see what we are covering in class each week.

Science

In our Science we will be looking at ourselves and naming body parts. We will then look at each of the senses eg hearing, taste, smell etc. We will then look at animals and will be comparing animals. We will group them into mammals, birds, reptiles, fish and amphibians.

Computing

This term in Computing we will be looking at creating our animated stories and following instructions. It is also important we begin to learn how to use the keyboard and type. If you have a laptop/computer at home it would be great to introduce them to the keyboard and get them to start typing words.



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History and Geography

Our topic this half term is going to be famous people and we will be looking at Grace Darling, Christopher Columbus, The Wright brothers and Tim Peake/Neil Armstrong. In Geography we will be looking at the British Isles. We will work on our map skills and thinking about who is in the United Kingdom.

Art and Design Technology

For the first half term in art we are going to be looking at and creating portraits and our own self-portraits. We will be using different materials to create our self-portraits and also using the computers. In DT we are going to be looking at food and will be designing and then making our own fruit salads.

Music

The children will be listening to different songs and will be using simple instruments themselves to make different sounds and beats.

Physical Education

The children will have two PE sessions a week. This half term they will be on a Monday and a Friday.

RE

In the first half term we are going to be focusing on Jesus as a friend with the key question 'Was it always easy for Jesus to show friendship?' We will be looking at some different bible stories in this topic; The story of Zacchaeus, The stilling of the Storm and Mary, Martha and Lazarus. Next half terms focus will be on Easter and particularly focusing on Palm Sunday with the key question 'Why was Jesus welcome like a king or celebrity by the crowds on Palm Sunday?'

Please support your child with their home learning and remember that learning should be meaningful and fun. If you are experiencing difficulties with homework please do let us know. If you are able to support your child's learning by visits to places of interest that are linked to our topics please encourage them to tell us about it – or bring in a postcard or souvenir to talk about.

Homework:

We have changed homework and would like to focus on:

Weekly spellings

Daily reading

I will be sending home logins in for PurpleMash and Numberbots so you can access these at home.



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We will, as always be keeping in touch through our Class News. This is uploaded every Monday to the school website.

If you would like to contact me then please feel free to email me: h.horth@tssfirst.co.uk

Kind regards,

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