

TY Spring 2 Newsletter!

A big hello from Mrs Halliday, Mrs Cowie and Ms Whale 😊 We have had such a lovely start to the spring term.

We are so proud of how the children are doing in Year 1 with all of the challenges we send their way. They continue to work hard and show us what they are able to do.

Thank you for all your support as always.

During Spring 2, we will be learning about the history of the Race to Space.

In writing, we will be writing a recount of Felix Baumgartner's supersonic freefall. We will be joining clauses with 'and' in order to write compound sentences.

In Science, we are continuing to learning about Animals including humans. We will be furthering our knowledge about animals and their body types.

PE

Monday - Gymnastics

Thursday - Football/Heart related exercise

Please ensure your child's PE clothing is named. Please send your child into school wearing warm and suitable PE clothing for the weather as most PE sessions are held outside.

Water bottles

Please make sure your child's water bottle is clearly labelled with their name and brought into class daily for easy access. We have plenty of opportunities for drinking during the day to keep hydrated and have those brains in gear for concentration 😊

HRS Words

In our daily phonics lessons, your child will be introduced to some harder to read and spell (HRS) words. There are lists of these in your child's yellow reading record book. **Please support your child to learn to read and spell these words.** As with the previous keyword system, we will assess your child and inform you of their progress with these. We will highlight progress using different highlighters per term, so please refrain from highlighting these yourself.

Spring term highlighting will be in green.

If you wish for paper flash cards, please don't hesitate to ask.

Library books

We visit the library every **Monday afternoon**. Please remind your child to put their library book in our pink box. When a book is returned a new book can be borrowed. We have record of loaned books so please come and ask if you are unsure of the title your child has at home.

Homework

Homework will be sent home on a Friday and is to be handed in on the following Thursday.

Clear reading folders to come into school every day.

Blue homework folder - return to school on a Thursday.

Homework this term will be

- Maths task
- Harder to Read and Spell words (HRSW)
- Reading books.

Reading

Learning to read is one of the most important skills in your child's life. Reading books will be changed every week so that your child can re-read their books for that week. Please read with your child at least 4 times per week and write a comment in their yellow books each time. (Books will be changed when an adult has commented in the yellow reading record book and according to your child's progress with their book.) This means that your child will get better at reading, and they will get quicker at recognising sounds and words and be able to read with more fluency. The book is a decodable phonics book based around the sounds we are working on in class. Please encourage your child to take care of these new books and support your child with reading books.