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# Year 1 Newsletter



## Spring Term 1

Welcome back to school! We hope everyone had a lovely Christmas and happy New Year. We are all so excited for the learning and fantastic opportunities we are going to do in 2024! Please do not hesitate to speak to a member of Year 1 staff if you have any queries going forward, or alternatively an appointment to have an in-person meeting or phone call can be arranged via the office.

*Miss Airey, Mrs Onley and Miss Edwards.*

### English

This half term our focus will be on creating a Wanted Poster, a short narrative and a non-chronological report. We will be using the text 'Tell me a dragon' by Jackie Morris to inspire our writing as it is filled with beautiful illustrations and fantastic descriptions. Your child will have the opportunity to invent their very own dragon and to write a short story about their adventures.

### Maths

Our focus will be on place value and addition & subtraction using numbers up to 20. We will be learning lots about tens and ones, how to use number-lines, and plenty more to develop a better understanding of numbers.

### RE

We will be learning about Sacred Places in different religions. Your child will be learning about different places of worship and what happens within them.

### History

We will be looking at how buildings in our local area have changed. Children will explore lots of different types of buildings and we will examine how Middleton town centre has changed. We will also investigate who Edgar Wood is and why there is a school named after him.

### Science

Our initial focus will be on Winter as part of our ongoing Seasons topic. We will then be moving onto looking at animals including humans – this time with a focus on the human body and senses in particular.

### Homework

Spellings will be sent out weekly on a Friday linked to what your children have been learning in Phonics that week. A maths activity will be set on Purple Mash on Friday as well.

### Reading Books

Reading books will be changed on a Friday for all children. Please ensure that your child brings their reading book and record to school each day. Try to read as often as possible with your child at home, writing it into their reading record when you do, as this really supports their learning.

### Computing

We will be looking at the use of algorithms in computing, learning the importance of instructions being clear and specific. We will then move onto debugging algorithms so that we understand how to best create our own algorithms and fix them if necessary.

### P.E.

Our P.E days have remained the same – children are still expected to come into school wearing the PE kit of a **plain white t-shirt, plain black trousers** (leggings or joggers is fine) and sensible trainers that they are able to fasten themselves. Please ensure that children are wearing the **correct** kit.

Gymnastics is our theme supported by track and long-distance running. We are looking at different movements in gymnastics and how to use our space safely.

### Core Christian Value



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16<sup>th</sup> February – Final day in school before breaking up for half term.



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