



# SPRING TERM 1 YEAR 1 CLASS NEWSLETTER

Happy New Year everybody!

We hope that everyone had a lovely Christmas break and was able to spend time with friends and family. We are really looking forward to seeing the children progress throughout the Spring term.

## English

We are excited to announce that we have signed up to a new phonics programme called 'Little Wandle' which will support the children with their early reading skills. Our English lessons will now be heavily phonics and reading based. We are looking forward to sharing more information about this with you shortly.

## Mathematics

We will be continuing with addition and subtraction this half term, and working on our strategies for problem solving. The children will be using part-whole models and bar models to support their learning.

We will be exploring addition further by using fact families.



## Topic

Our topic for Spring 1 is 'Toys from the Past'. We have received some fantastic research projects about toys from the past - thank you for completing these over the holidays. During this half term the children will have the opportunity to play with toys from the past. They will be making comparisons between toys from the past and the toys they play with now.



## Science

In Science, we will be observing seasonal changes as we move through the Winter season. The children will be walking around the school grounds and recording what they can see. We will also be identifying different trees including 'Evergreen' and 'Deciduous' trees. The children will continue to take part in experiments to help them identify the properties of different materials.



## Religious Education

We are starting a unit of work called 'Belonging'. The children will learn what it means to 'belong' to something. The children will be identifying where they belong, for example school, family, friendship groups and any clubs etc. We will be encouraging the children to look at different religious symbols and explore the importance of these.

Our Christian values this half term are 'Joy and Love'. The children will be learning about the meaning of these values and will be encouraged to spread joy and love around school and the local community.



## Physical Education

It is vitally important that your child has both indoor and outdoor PE kits in school at all times. Children will be unable to participate in their PE lessons if they do not have their kit.

Please ensure your child has no earrings in on PE days (Tuesday and Thursday). Again, they will be unable to participate in any PE activities if they are wearing earrings.

## Important dates...

Please note that 1 Hawthorn will be leading their class assembly on **18<sup>th</sup> February** in the morning.

Your child may have a line to learn therefore we would really appreciate it if you could allow them to practice their lines at home. We will be sending out lines shortly and we will keep you updated on any further information!

As always, if you have any questions or concerns about anything at all, please come and speak to us. You can catch us on the door at the end of the day once all the children have been released, give us a phone call or write a note.

Miss Rimmer & Mrs Wilson