

YEAR 1 - CLASS NEWSLETTER SPRING TERM 2023

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you had a restful festive period. We are very excited to begin a new term with the children and have an exciting term ahead.

Our daily routine remains the same as last term, but we have a change in our class with regard to staffing. Mrs Down and Mrs Nicks will both be working in our class this term and we are also very pleased to be welcoming Miss Cox later in January, who will be joining us full-time. Mrs Rowcliffe will continue to teach Monday-Wednesday and Mrs Keast will teach on a Thursday and Friday. We also have our student teacher Miss Caddick for most of January as she completes her final placement.

Children will have **PE** on a Wednesday afternoon and during Friday lunch time. They should wear black joggers or shorts, a white t-shirt and a school hoodie or sweatshirt for PE. It would be ideal if the children had black trainers or shoes that they can run in each day, as we regularly use the school running track.

Children should have book bags that can be put away easily in their trays and will continue to need a coat every day as we endure the great British winter! Please also remember to send a named drinks bottle daily.

In English, we have begun our sequence on The Three Billy Goats Gruff. We are working on sequencing the story and learning to retell it with actions. After this we are moving on to Dear Mother Goose, where the children will continue to improve their writing and storytelling skills.

We will continue with Little Wandle, a daily phonics teaching programme. We will email the sounds and tricky words for the week for the children to practise at home. Children need to be confident with their rapid recall of the tricky words and be able to spell them correctly in their writing. If you could help reinforce these at home, it will have a significant impact on your child's confidence to write and read fluently.

The big cat e-books are uploaded on a Wednesday and the children have a growing library of e-books to read, please let us know if you have difficulties getting onto your child's library. These are the guided reading books the children have read in class. We read 3 times a week with them, but the more reading the better! We will continue to send a love of reading book home every week. This is a sharing book, your child might want to share the pictures, have a go at reading it or have it read to them.

In Maths, this half term we will begin with looking at adding and subtracting numbers within 20 over 4 weeks, then move on to thinking about place value of numbers to 50 for the last 2 weeks of the half term. Children will learn about the 'commutativity' of addition and learn that it is more efficient to add from the largest number. They will consolidate their number bonds to 10 and use these to support learning number bonds to numbers up to 20. Children will think about 0 and what happens when nothing is taken away or when the whole amount is taken away and nothing is left. Children will use the part whole model to reinforce number bonds to 20. Children will be introduced to subtraction across the number 10, focussing on the strategy of partition. This will be taught using manipulatives and then move to children doing it in their heads as a mental strategy. Children will look at addition and subtractions families to 20. We will then move

the counting to numbers within 50- counting on and back and recognising how numbers up to 50 are made, eg counting in 10s and then 1s.

Supporting the children at home makes a huge impact on the children's learning at school. Any counting or using numbers in context reinforces what the children are beginning to understand. Counting steps, eggs, trees, lamp posts anything to encourage language of number and correspondence to what that number means is fantastic. Looking at numbers around the house, on clocks, weight, numbers in packets anything where the children can be encouraged to look at numbers and count without them thinking they are learning!

We are looking forward to going to **Exmoor Zoo** to enhance our learning about animals, this will be nearer the end of the term when the weather, hopefully, improves so the animals come out to see us!

It is an ongoing concern that more and more children have access to the internet independently at home. There has been a particular increase in children watching YouTube without supervision and it is possible to view very inappropriate content on this site. Please refer to the new e-Safety pages on our website should you require support or guidance with this matter. There is a copy of our safer usage policy as well as a sheet for parents with lots of useful information on it.

If you have any questions about anything regarding your child, please do not hesitate to contact us. The children are generally very good at letting us know if there is something to read in their message books. Please email admin@winkleigh.devon.sch.uk if you prefer and we will try to reply within 48 hours.

Kind regards,

Mrs Rowcliffe and Mrs Keast



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