



# Year 1 Newsletter



## Spring Term

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back and a Happy New Year! We hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable Christmas.

Our topic for this term is 'Down at the bottom of the Garden.' We will be learning about the animals and the minibeasts that live in our garden/school grounds. We will also be learning about the life cycle of plants and planting some seeds of our own! Our topic will link to our English, History, Geography, Art and Design Technology work. Your child will receive a knowledge organiser in their school organiser which includes all the key information for this topic.

In maths we will continue to develop our understanding of number and place value and work on our arithmetic skills. The other areas we will cover this half term include addition, subtraction and shape.

Our English lessons will be linked to our topic, this will include writing fact files on a chosen minibeast. We will also use books linked to our topic to inspire our writing and look at the traditional tale; Jack and the Beanstalk.

We will continue to improve handwriting making sure we form all our letters correctly following the schools handwriting scheme.

In addition to weekly guided reading we will focus time on developing our comprehension skills.

Our PE slot has now change to a Thursday morning please ensure your child has the appropriate kit (school PE T-shirt, blue shorts and black pumps.)

As we are now in our second term, in order to develop children's independence we ask that children are left with their teacher or a member of staff at the classroom door. We have found that this encourages children to engage with learning activities immediately upon arrival at school and sets the tone for the day. There is an opportunity to talk to a member of staff each morning, should you wish, but we ask that if you require a more detailed discussion you make arrangements to see a staff member after school finishes.

## Topic Experiences!

We have some exciting visitors coming into Year 1 before Easter. As our topic for this term is down at the bottom of the garden we have some real life minibeasts visiting school on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March. Children will be able learn all about these creatures in a fun and practical way.

For more information on how to contribute towards this learning experience please see our separate information letter which will be sent out next week.

## Important dates

Fri 15.2.19 – Finish for half term

Thur 07.03.19 – World Book Day

WB: 04.2.19 – Science Week

Mon 04.03.19 – Minibeast experience in school

Wed 03.04.19 – Parent's Evening (Book fair is on this week after school.)

Fri 05.04.19 - Break up for Easter

## Things to remember

Book bag – every day!

**Thursday** – PE kit

**Friday** – Spelling test/ new spellings

## Learning at home

Spellings will continue to be given out on a Friday ready to be tested the following Friday. Please ensure your child has their book in school ready for their test.

A reminder that children need to read three times a week and have their **school organisers signed**. Organisers will be checked on a Friday.

Thank you for your continued support and any questions don't hesitate to ask.

Miss Wood and Mrs Brophy