



## YEAR ONE SPRING NEWSLETTER

### Happy New Year!

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to you all! We hope you have all had a wonderful Christmas break. We have missed the children and can't wait to hear about what they have been doing over the holidays!

Remember if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher or myself. The year group email address is [year1@lps.hereford.sch.uk](mailto:year1@lps.hereford.sch.uk)

Please check our year group pages on the school website for important information, letters and photographs.

# Year 1

### Year 1 Team

Mrs Eckley-Gardner – Assistant Head and English Coordinator

Mrs Hough - SENCO

Miss Evans – Maths Coordinator

1RH – Miss Salter covering Mrs Rutterford (Monday-Wednesday) and Mrs Harrison (Thursday and Friday)

Supported by Mrs Robinson and Ms. Hill

1F – Miss Forrest

Supported by Miss Burrows

(PPA cover: Mrs Townsend)

1C – Mrs Cresswell

Supported by Mrs Chandler

(PPA cover: Mrs Townsend)

## Curriculum and topic this term:



**English:** Information Texts about Winter. Adventure stories (Wombat Goes Walkabout)

**Maths:** Place value (within 20), addition and subtraction (within 20) and measurement (length & height, weight & volume)

**Science:** Plants. Seasonal changes (focus on winter and spring)

**Topic:** Our topic question for this half term is: Would I like to be a weather presenter? Geography topic.  
Our topic question for the second half term is: What is growing in your garden? Geography and Science topic.

**R.E:** Our R.E question for this term is: What does it mean to belong to a faith community?

**P.E:** Gymnastics.

**Computing:** Computer skills in the ICT suite.

**Art:** Creating an abstract piece of art work.

**PSHE:** The world all around us.

## Homework

Your child's main form of homework in Year 1 is **reading**. It is extremely important that you listen to your child read and ask them questions about what they have read including predicting what may happen in the text. Please read with your child as often as possible, ideally every day. Children also love to hear their parents and carers read and this helps them to become expressive, fluent readers so please take time to read to your child throughout the week - maybe a bedtime story! Remember to write in your child's reading record.

The children are expected to begin to join their **handwriting** in Year 1 so please encourage them to join their letters whenever they are writing.

By the end of the year there are **common exception words** which the children are expected to be able to read and spell accurately. These are available on the school website for you to practise with your child.

We will also set half term homework challenges to complete throughout the term. These tasks will link to our topics in school.

## Reading

We will soon be assessing your child's reading and phonic knowledge.



Children should be bringing their book bag to school every day, which will soon include their reading book and reading journal.

The books will be changed regularly and we will be able to read any comments you have made in their journals.

Please read as often as possible with your children.

The more they read, the sooner they will be 'Over the Rainbow'.

Although we do not comment on your child's reading in their journal, please be assured we do listen to your child read at least once a week.

## Physical Education (P.E.)

Please help us to keep your children fit and healthy by ensuring your child brings their correct P.E. uniform to school on their P.E. days



Year 1 have P.E. on the following days:

1RH – Monday and Thursday

1F – Monday and Friday

1C - Monday and Tuesday

P.E. may not take place on both of these days but children should be prepared by having their PE uniform in school at all times.



## Reminders

If your child is **asthmatic** please could you ensure that they have an inhaler, labelled with their name, in school **at all times!**



As many of you already know, we are a healthy eating school and we would like to remind you that children should be bringing in healthy packed lunches and snacks. It is also very important children have a water bottle in school – we strongly encourage children to drink plenty of water throughout the day. Water helps keep them hydrated but also improves their levels of concentration and learning.



It is important to ensure all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name and class. This includes coats, PE kits and lunch-bags.

## Dates for your Diary

Dates	Events
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Chinese New Year dance workshop
<b>Half Term (Monday 21<sup>st</sup> – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February)</b>	
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	World book day
14 <sup>th</sup> -18 <sup>th</sup> March	Science week
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents/carers evening
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Parents/carers evening
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	Last day of term

Yours sincerely  
The Year 1 Team  
Mrs Eckley-Gardner (Assistant Head)