



Where children come first

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KS1 Spring Newsletter

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Autumn term was a great start to the year and brought many positive experiences and learning opportunities. Last term, we became constructors and investigated the way we can join to build strong structures and the children enjoyed using these skills on our OPAL playground. We moved on to learn about how people from different cultures celebrate special times in their lives. This led to our amazing Christmas performances. We were so proud of every child for playing their part and it was also lovely to see so many smiling supportive faces in the audience. Thank you for joining us for some magical performances.

We are Chocolatiers!

Spring term brings us a history-based topic where our big question will be 'Why does York always smell of chocolate?' The children will have a visit from a real-life chocolatier as well as exploring York's rich history in chocolate making. The children will create their own chocolate product and design their packages. We will encourage you to join us to help make the package at our Make and Take.

In spring 2, we will move onto the topic of 'Let it Grow' with lots of science based learning to answer our big question 'What makes things grow?'

Class texts

We will be looking at the following texts this term to support our learning.



Supporting your child at home

As you know, we don't set formal homework each week but we do ask that you support us with some learning at home. We feel that it is important that the children get into good habits with home working as well as giving you an opportunity to see how they are progressing in different areas of the curriculum.

Regular Reading.

Your child should have a reading book that they bring home each day in their reading folder.

We ask that you make at least 3 entries into their reading records so that we can track how they are getting on. They can also go on Ecollins at home, let your teacher know if you need any

Please note that to protect our children the school gates are locked between the hours of 8.30am and 9.05am and 2.45pm and 3.30pm. If you are travelling to school by car during these times, please be aware that you could be locked in the school car park. Please find alternative parking outside the school gates, if required.



help. We will share tricky words too which the children will just need to be able to recognise to read.
Regular Maths Practice The children all have a Numbots log in and can access this fun interactive website to build up their confidence in maths. We give certificates out during our Celebration Assembly to celebrate Numbot successes.
Exploring York. You might want to investigate some of the history on offer in York, you can walk to the Terry's factory and look at the beautiful architecture.

Celebration Assemblies

We use our weekly assemblies to praise and celebrate the children's achievements in a variety of ways. Certificates are awarded to children who demonstrate our schools virtues and engaging with Numbots. It is also a great opportunity to celebrate children's achievements outside of school and we encourage children to tell us so we can also share it in assembly. We also use assemblies to remind children about the importance of good attendance.



PE Days

Please see the chart below for your child's PE days:

1MM	Monday and Thursday
1WH	Monday and Thursday
1TI	Monday and Thursday
2CH	Thursday and Friday
2AL	Tuesday and Friday

How can I keep up to date with everything?

Please keep a look out for Marvellous Me notifications where we will continue to celebrate successes and notify you of any further updates. We look forward to welcoming you into school in March for Parents Evening. Letters and updates will be emailed, and the website is regularly updated too.

Thank you for your continued support and as ever, please do not hesitate to approach us with any questions.

Kind regards,

Mrs Bootland (Year 1 & 2 Phase Leader) and the Key Stage 1 Team



Mrs Bootland Mr Ibbott Mrs White Mrs Hirst Miss Marley Mrs Hill Miss Holmes Miss Lackenby