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Year 1 & 2 Newsletter

Welcome back to the spring term! We really enjoyed bringing autumn term to a close with our nativity and we hope you enjoyed watching it just as much as we did performing it. I'm sure you will agree that the children did an incredible job and their singing and dancing was a joy to behold! Thank you so much for coming in to support your children.

What have we been learning?

Autumn term took us on a journey 'Into the Woods' and we loved learning all about different types of trees and habitats both at home and abroad. The children also loved building the Little Pig's houses so thank you so much for joining us at this event. Our focus switched to History after half term and we enjoyed a trip back in time. We learned so much about different toys and how these have changed over time.

Spring Term

Our topic after half term has a geography and history focus and it is called: 'A City Scorched' and our Big Question will be, 'Why did London Burn?' We will be exploring how the Great Fire of London started and how the fire spread so quickly. We are looking forward to making our own Tudor houses to support our learning and having a visit from the local fire service too! We will complement this topic in Science by exploring materials which will help to deepen our understanding.

Class texts

We will be looking at the following texts this half 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 so please can you support them to make further progress.

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.



<p>Regular Reading. Reading is the cornerstone of the children's learning and we have seen some incredible progress so far! Please can you support them with the reading challenge so we can keep up this momentum.</p>	
<p>Regular Maths It is important that the children get some extra practice, beyond the school day, to learn and embed key facts. They all have access to NumBots and we hope you can support them with this. We will be celebrating the top performers in assembly each week</p>	
<p>Learning Spellings Year 2 will be set spellings from the weekly spelling lists. You can practise them for the weekly test in any way that is helpful. Year 1 will bring home regular Little Wandle home learning sheets to complement their phonics learning in school.</p>	

PE Days

Your child will be taking part in PE twice a week, please send your child in their PE kit on their allocated days. Full PE kit details can be found on the school website. Please see below for your child's PE days:

1BH	Tuesday	Thursday
1TI	Tuesday	Thursday
2CH	Tuesday	Thursday
2RM	Tuesday	Thursday

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 the virtues of the school, do well at NumBots and we will be holding a class versus class reading competition. It is also nice to celebrate children's achievements outside of school and we encourage children to tell us so we can also share it in assembly.



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're all available for a quick chat in the playground after school should you need to catch us or you can call or email the office to contact us with any queries you/your child may have.

Kind regards,

Mr McEvoy

Year 1 & 2 Phase Leader



Mr McEvoy



Miss Holmes



Mr Ibbot



Mrs Hill