



# Spring 1 Newsletter – Year 1



## Dear Parents,

I am pleased to welcome you back after term break. I hope you all had a relaxing break and safe travels.

## WHAT WILL WE BE LEARNING THIS TERM?

**English's** focus will continue on phonics, spelling, punctuation and grammar. This term, I will encourage the children to bring their own stories to school to share with their peers. This will further develop your child's progress of spelling, writing, storytelling and reading!

**ENGLISH CHALLENGE - Write short stories with a beginning, middle and end.**

**Maths** is focused towards number work, i.e. addition, subtraction, number and place value. Geometry and measurement foundation skills will be developed through practical means. We will start focusing on counting by 2s, 5s and 10s.

**MATHS CHALLENGE - Know how to count in 2s to 30, 5s and 10s to 100.**

**Topic** Are you ready to travel back in time? This half term, we're taking a trip to the past to discover what life was like at the time when we were born. Younger children will come along to our Teddy Bear's picnic, so we can observe how toddlers play and move. We'll also find out how babies change and grow over time. Thinking about our childhoods, we'll use photos and objects from the past to help us remember special times including weddings and christenings. We'll talk about our families and share happy memories of people or pets who are no longer alive. Learning about the days, weeks and months of the year will help us to work out how long we will have to wait for our birthdays to arrive! We'll decide how objects from the past were used and have fun learning games, songs and dances from bygone days.

## POINTS TO REMEMBER...

- Homework is to be handed in on MONDAY
- It is encouraged that children read each day for at least 10 minutes.
- Bring an empty shoebox ASAP
- Bring some family pictures/ baby pictures if possible
- Learning project is returned by Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February.

This term in **Religion** the children will be learning about Judaism. We will explore the Jewish symbols, the Sabbath, the Synagogue and compare what we know about religion.

**MEND - Tuesday** (Children to **BRING** their PE KIT)  
**PE: Thursday** (Children to **WEAR** their PE KIT)

## POETRY CONTEST

This term, the children will battle it out to be crowned the School Poetry Champion! Each child will need to learn a poem by heart and be able to recite it confidently. The winner from each class will then progress to the school final. Children may choose any poem and should aim to create an engaging performance!

The class finals will be held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February.

The school final will be held in St James's Church on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February. Parents are welcome to attend.

## TEDDY BEARS PICNIC

I am delighted to invite you to a Family Picnic at the beginning of this term. The picnic will take place in our downstairs hall on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January from 2 pm. Please come along and share your memories with us!

**SAVE THE DATE - Class Assembly**

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February

If you wish to speak with me, please make an appointment or contact the office. Please be aware that the morning is an extremely busy time and unfortunately I will not have time to speak with you  
Yours Sincerely,  
*Miss Koltai*