

Tuesday 16th January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you all for your kind words and generous gifts. We hope that you have had an enjoyable Christmas break and we would like to wish you a Happy New Year! We have an exciting term ahead. We are especially looking forward to Art week later in the term.

The key ideas that we will be exploring this term are:

Traditional stories





Animals including humans

Our local area

The following table outlines the work we shall be covering this term. We hope that this gives you a clear indication of what your children will be learning and ways in which you can support them.

A key date for your diary will be a virtual meeting about the year 1 phonics screening. Which will be on Tuesday 23rd January at 5pm - 6pm. In this meeting we will share the dates and format of the Year 1 Phonics screen and how you can support your child at home. We will send the online meeting details in an email soon.

Subject	Focus	Suggestions for parents
Maths	A range of mathematical work including addition, subtraction and place value within 20. Units of measurement including height, length, weight and volume.	Please take time to help your child with their Maths. You could play number games (with dominoes and dice), use opportunities for counting in practical situations i.e. shopping. Please keep practising key number facts like our number pairs to 20 and counting in groups of 2 and 10.
Literacy	1st Half Term Fiction: Traditional Stories. Goldilocks and the Three Bears and The Three Little Pigs. 2nd Half term Stories with familiar settings. The Snail and the Whale Non-Fiction: All about our Ducks Poetry: Spring	Please try to read with your child every day . Share stories and poetry at home. Don't forget to include reading non-fiction and information texts e.g. signs, maps, catalogues and cereal packets. We are so excited as we shall have some eggs hatching at Oakthorpe in the Spring term! Watch this space!
Science	1 st Half Term: Looking at Animals including humans. Naming parts of the body including the facial features. 2 nd Half Term: Animals including humans. Understanding the different animal groups.	Talk to your child about the names for all of the parts of their body. We mainly stick to the external body parts. How do we use our senses to help us explore? What is your child's favourite animal? Is it a mammal or reptile? Where does it live? What does it eat?

Geography	<p>Our local area. We will be doing a walk of the local area and talking about the key geographical features we can see.</p>	<p>Please talk to your children about the natural things they can see in their local area as well as the manmade things.</p> <div>     </div>
Art / D&T	<p>Investigating different materials.</p> <p>Building Goldilocks a chair!</p> <p>Art week!</p>	<p>Use different materials to make collages at home.</p> <p>Discuss suitability of materials for different jobs. Would you want an umbrella made of sponge? Or wellies made of paper?</p> <p>Art - Our theme this year is art from Amsterdam. Please look at where Amsterdam is on the world map.</p>
Computing	<p>Purple Mash - Unit 1.7 Coding</p>	<p>At Oakthorpe we use a computing scheme called Purple Mash.</p> <p>Please practise touch typing at home with your children to help them find letters on a keyboard quickly.</p>
R.E	<p>1st Half Term Growing up in a Muslim family.</p> <p>2nd Half Term Holi & stories of Krishna.</p>	<p>Please talk to your child about different religions and cultures and why it is so important to show respect and tolerance for everybody.</p> <p>Can you spot different places of worship in our local community?</p>

PSHE and Relationships	<p>Health and well-being. 1st Half Term Recapping emotions and coping with being worried.</p> <p>2nd Half Term Hygiene and key routines like teeth brushing.</p>	<p>Talk to your child about naming key feelings. Happy, sad, worried, excited.</p> <p>Talk to your child about the importance of keeping clean and completing key routines like brushing their teeth.</p>
Music	<p>Half term 1: Ocarina, listening to music, rhythm and composition EMA Spring Partnership Festival Half term 2: Singing</p>	<p>We are continuing learning to play our ocarinas as well as exploring songs and rhythm. We may send their Ocarina home for homework this term. Please keep it safe and return it on the Monday morning.</p>
P.E	<p>Games – Travelling with a ball. Dance – Using art as a stimulus.</p>	<p>Encourage children to show you what they have learnt in PE.</p>

We use Google Classroom as a way of setting tasks and giving reminders. If you require a login for Google classroom please speak to us at the door!

Homework- Please read with your child as regularly as possible. We will sometimes set tasks using the Google Classroom for you to support your child's learning at home.

Individual reading books will be changed once a week. These will mostly be in line with the phonic sounds your child is currently learning. Please read to and with your child as often as possible. We love to receive your comments about your child's progress. Please write your comments in your child's reading record book. Children make the best progress when they read **daily**.

Library visits. We visit the school library every other week. We will be visiting on the Week commencing:

22/1/24

5/2/24

26/2/24

11/3/24

25/3/24

(Year 1 go to the library on Monday afternoon)

School day - Please remember that school starts at 8:50am and finishes at 3:30. Please ensure that your children arrive on time and that you collect them promptly. Phonics is one of the most important lessons your child has and it starts at 9:00.

If your child is absent from school for any reason, please contact the school office on the first day of absence and send a letter when they return.

Lost property -To help reduce lost property, please make sure that all clothing and footwear is clearly labelled with your child's name.

Useful dates for your diary

23rd January	Year 1 Phonics Screen Information Meeting for Parents 5pm - 6pm
5 th February	Art Week!
5 th and 7 th March	Parents Evening
11th March	Mother's Day Tea-rific morning, 9-945am
12th - 22nd March	Ducks!
28 st March	Last day of term
15 th April	1 st Day of Summer Term
3rd May	Inset Day

Thank you for your continued support,

We look forward to seeing you at our various events.

The Year 1 Team.