

Key Stage 1 Newsletter Spring Term 2020



Tannery Drift
First School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to all our families after the Christmas break. We hope you have all had an enjoyable time with family and friends and we are pleased to see all the children's enthusiasm for the new term. All of the team would like to say a big thank you for your kind Christmas wishes and gifts; they are very much appreciated!

This newsletter will give you a taste of what the children will be learning during the Spring Term.

Topics and Themes

Year 1

Our main topic this term is Africa. We will observe where Africa is in the world, its climate and the variety of habitats that different animals live in. We will explore stories and poems from familiar and non-familiar settings. We will link our art and DT to the topic and explore traditional African patterns.

Year 1 children will have weekly enrichment days on Thursday with Mrs Simons; Owl Class during the first half-term and Pelican Class during the second half-term. These sessions will focus on nature and wildlife and often take place outdoors, so as usual, please make sure children come to school dressed for the weather.

Year 2

Our main topic this term is Heroes. We will discover significant individuals of the past including Neil Armstrong and Florence Nightingale and their global contributions. We will focus on map work in geography using atlases to find key places linked to our topic. We will learn about living things and their habitats in science. In Art we will enjoy exploring colour using a range of artistic techniques.

Parent helpers

We are always keen to welcome parents into the classroom, even a single reading session with individual children makes a great impact on the their progress. If you would like to volunteer, please speak to your child's teacher to arrange a convenient time to come into the class.

Also, if there is a topic or theme we are covering in school that links to your expertise, the children are always very excited to have expert visitors!

Please name everything

Please ensure all uniform items including shoes, PE kit and hats are labelled. We aim to foster independence and to do this, children need to be able to recognise their own names and clothing.

Water bottles

Please make sure your child brings a water bottle to school each day. This can be refilled at school if needed. We much prefer the type that are sold at the school office as these are stable and drip proof, unlike the more expensive themed and novelty types.

Classroom Support

Year 1

Mrs Goodyear will be teaching Owl class on a Wednesday and Pelican class on a Thursday morning.

The support team in Year 1 is made up of Mrs Temple-Hill, Mrs Paul and Miss Fenton.

Year 2

Mrs Goodyear will be teaching Puffin class on a Tuesday morning and Red Foxes class on a Tuesday afternoon.

The support team in Year 2 is made up of Mrs Hart, Mrs Lawrence and Mrs Brierley.

PE kit and PE days

PE bags should be the drawstring type, and need to contain the appropriate kit as detailed in the uniform list. PE bags will be sent home half-termly for washing unless accidents happen.

Year 1 PE days:

Wednesday and Friday

Year 2 PE days:

Monday and Thursday

Library Sessions

Year 1 library day will be on a Monday afternoon.

Year 2 library day will be on a Tuesday afternoon.

Home Learning

Children are encouraged to read regularly at home. Please ensure an adult signs the Reading Record every time they read their book. Children have the responsibility of placing their books in the changing tray when they have read their book twice (once for longer books). Please encourage children to do this independently.

We hope children are also enjoying '100 Things To Do Whilst At Tannery Drift'. Copies can be downloaded from the class pages on the school website.

How to support your child at home

Half-termly curriculum maps detailing themes and learning outcomes, across all areas of the curriculum, can be found on the class pages of the school website.

The Maths and English sections of the website contain detailed information on year group objectives and methods.

By the end of Year 2 children are expected to confidently know their x2, x3, x4, x5 and x10 tables, up to x12. Please continue to practice times tables at home.

Discussions with staff and other communications

For a quick hand-over of information please speak to staff at the start of the day. For longer conversations please arrange a time after school by speaking to staff in the morning. We know it is very important to share information and may also ask to speak to you after school.

Punctuality

Please ensure that all children arrive in school on time and ready to learn each morning. Lessons and learning start promptly every day. When children arrive after 8.55am this is not only disruptive for the child arriving late but also impacts on the learning of the rest of the class. Thank you for your support.

Dates for your diary

24th January – Year 1/2 Cake Sale

11th & 13th February – Parent Consultations

5th March – World Book Day

6th March – Puffin Class Assembly

13th March – Red Foxes Class Assembly

20th March – Pelican Class Assembly

27th March – Owl Class Assembly

w/b 30th March – Feeling Good Week

Best wishes from

The Key Stage 1 Team



Enjoyment, achievement, respect