



## Class 1 Newsletter Spring Term 2024

Welcome back! I hope that you all have had a lovely Christmas break. To begin with I would like to take this opportunity to say a massive thank you to you all for the lovely gifts that I received and to wish you all the best for a very happy and successful New Year. A New Year brings fresh challenges and opportunities for us all and I am very excited about the journey that these will take us on in the coming months.

### Learning Theme

For Spring 1, we have a very exciting learning driver of Significant National and Global Events Beyond Living Memory. Therefore, in History we will be studying the Great Fire of London, exploring the causes and consequences of the Great Fire. If you have any items that may support our learning at home that you would like to loan us that would be greatly appreciated. After the February half-term break our learning will be driven by Geography and will carry out a UK comparative study, focusing upon the capital cities of the UK and characteristics of the land.

### Beginning and end of the day

Your child should line up in front of the year 1 outdoor area as was the case in the autumn term. The children will then be met by Mrs Irvin or myself and brought into school. At the end of the school day the children will exit from the year 1 outdoor area and must be collected from this point. If there is a change as to who is collecting your child, please could you notify either a member of the year 1 team or the school office.

### PE

PE will take place on **Tuesday** and **Thursday**. As in the Autumn term, please ensure that your child comes into school wearing their PE kit. PE kit consists of black shorts and a plain white t-shirt. However, in the winter months a warm PE kit is suggested which includes a plain black/dark hooded top and sports bottoms. It may also be beneficial to send in spare footwear dependent on the weather. No school uniform is to be worn for PE and in the interest of safety jewellery must not be worn, earrings must either be removed or taped and long hair must be tied back.

### Homework

Homework tasks will usually be given on a Friday and should be completed by the following Thursday. If your child is struggling with their homework please ask them to come and see me prior to submission. Homework will be set using the Class blog, from here I will direct you to either Seesaw or Purple Mash dependent on the task. Although it is beneficial to support your child with homework tasks, please ensure that the work is that of the child's and not your own.

### Reading

Reading diaries need to be handed in on a Friday as books will be changed on this day. Please encourage your child to read as often as possible (even if this means repeating the book issued by school or an age appropriate book selected from home). Please ensure that an adult records the reading within the reading diary.

If you have any questions about anything at all, please do not hesitate to ask any of the Class 1 team. Once again, I am very much looking forward to the term ahead and teaching and supporting your child.

Kind regards

Mr Mallison and the Class 1 team.