

### **Welcome Back**

Welcome back! We hope that you have all had a fantastic Easter break! We have a very exciting half term ahead!

#### R.E.

To begin this half term, we will be looking at **Holidays** and Holy Days. We will be discussing what a holy day is and how these link to holidays, such as Christmas and Easter. We will be exploring two holy days; Pentecost and The Ascension.

Our second topic this half term is called **Being Sorry**. We will be looking at the importance of saying sorry and ways that we can show that we are sorry and also how to show forgiveness to others. We will be looking at stories in the Bible where Jesus showed forgiveness, e.g. Zacchaeus and Levi.

# **English**

Phonics and Early Reading: In Read, Write, Inc, we shall be learning sounds from Set 3. Please see our class Twitter page for regular video links of Virtual Classroom lessons on sounds, including spelling words with these sounds in them. These videos are designed for your child to watch, interact and learn from them independently once an adult has set it up for them. Your child may move to a different colour band this week, following our recent end-of-term assessment in Lent 2. Read, Write, Inc allows us to review groups regularly and move children around accordingly. Any additional reading or Phonic

do at home will be great, in preparation for our Y1 Phonic Screening in June.

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**Writing:** In our Talk 4 Writing lessons this term, we will be looking at the features of a portal story through the model text of Jack and the Beanstalk. The children will be retelling and sequencing the story, as well as writing their own adaptation of the model text. We will also be starting our non-fiction unit on Instructions. We will be looking at the features of instructional writing.

### **Mathematics**

This half term we will be looking at multiplication. We will be counting in 2s, 5s and 10s, as well as counting in groups. The children will be making simple arrays and solving word problems. In division we will be learning how to share to make equal groups. In shape we will be learning how to recognise halves and quarters within shapes.

#### **Science**

This half term our topic is called 'Plants. The children will be planting their own beans and observing how they grow. We will be looking at what a plant needs to grow, as well as recognizing and naming some common garden and wild plants, and different trees. The children will learn what is meant by *evergreen* and *deciduous* and drawing and labelling parts of a tree.

# Geography

For our unit of **Continents and Oceans**, the children will learn the names of and locate the 7 continents of the world and the 5 oceans.

# **Art and Design Technology**

This half term in Art we will be looking at the work by Georgia O'Keeffe. The children will explore her unique style of drawing a flower in an enlarged form (close up) to show its beauty and detail. In DT we will be starting our Wacky Windmills unit. The children will design, construct and evaluate a model of a windmill with moving parts.

#### PE

Our PE days remain as Monday and Wednesday. This half term we have Athletics on Mondays and Yoga on Wednesdays. A polite reminder to please make sure that if your child has their ears pierced, that these are removed or taped up **before** coming to school on PE days for health and safety reasons. Thank you to those who already do this.

### Computing

Our Computing unit this half term is 'Digital Writing'. During this unit the children will practise typing on a keyboard and begin using tools to

change the look of their writing, and then they will consider the differences between using a computer and writing on paper to create text.

### Reading

Children are expected to read for at least 10 minutes every day and the more often they read, the better! This includes reading to an adult. Children's reading should be recorded in their reading planner. There are lots of others useful resources here too, so please take some time to have a good look through. Children will have their books changed on **Mondays** and **Thursdays**. They are encouraged to read the same book three times to develop fluency, expression and comprehension, just like we do in class. Read, Write, Inc Book Bag Books include lots of questions and activities to support reading at home. Of course, children should also be encouraged to read more widely too, reading books that they have at home or from the library with an adult or independently. Class library books are changed every **Monday**.

## **Class Dojo**

Class Dojo is now our platform of communication as a whole school. From here you can receive photos from your child's learning, as well as key information. Thank you for supporting us with this by joining Class Dojo, we hope you are finding it useful.

If you have any quick questions, please feel free to speak to either of us at the end of the school day, once all of the children have been dismissed. If, at that point, you feel you require a longer appointment, we can arrange a meeting via the school office (01773 822278). We are really looking forward to an exciting half term and a fun-filled year!

Thank you in advance for your support.

Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Acton and the Year One Team

		Dates for your diaries
		Please also see Class Dojo for upcoming events
22.04.25	Back to school	
05.05.25	Bank Holiday	
21.05.25		SEA movie night
22.05.25	1.15pm	Marian Celebration of the Word in school hall, afterwards all donations of flowers will be delivered on King Street, Belper
23.05.25		Break up for May half term Celebrating with the SEA cake sale
26.5.25 – 30.5.25	Half Term	
02.06.25	Back to school	
04.06.25	1pm	Sports Day
		Parents are welcome to come and watch from 1pm. More details to follow.
11.06.25		SEA Father's Day Gift Sale
20.06.25	3pm	Corpus Christi Celebration of the Word led by Joe and the Chaplaincy Team with Adoration.
30.06.25	All day	INSET Day – school closed
01.07.25	3pm	St Peter and Paul Celebration of the Word, Chaplaincy team leading.
04.07.25		St Elizabeth's Summer Fayre
11.07.25		Reports go out to reception to year 5 parents.
	6-7.30pm	Outdoor disco on the school playground and field.
24.07.25		Break up for summer holidays.
25.07.25 -	Summer holidays	

04.09.25	
4.09.25 and	INSET days - school closed
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08.09.25	Back to school