



Dear Parents,

We are so pleased to welcome everyone back after Easter, the children were very excited to tell me all about their exciting Easter activities and chocolate eggs! At the end of last term we had an amazing history day which we used to launch our new topic of the history of flight, this term the children in Year 1 will be learning all about the Wright Brothers and how flight has changed through the years, towards the end of term we will be learning about Neil Armstrong and space travel.

The children in EYFS will also be learning about transport and flight with a focus on the differences between places close to home and around the world, as the term progresses the children will be moving onto learning about space and space travel.

In science we are learning all about plants and growth, the children will be planting potatoes, carrots, beans, broccoli and cress and discovering what plants need to survive and grow. On 24th of May we will be inviting parents to join the children in EYFS and KS1 to come into school and have a tea party using the cress the children have grown to make sandwiches. This will support the children to link their RE topic of special people and places and their PHSE topic relationships.

Little Wandle – Phonics / Reading. We will be continuing 'Little Wandle' to teach early reading and spellings; the nursery children will be following the Foundation for phonics Little Wandle scheme which focuses on rhyme and alliteration as well as retaining a sentence. The Reception children are continuing with phase 3 sounds and moving onto phase 4 with a focus on chunking and blending longer words such as lightening l/igh/t n/i/ng and reading with fluency, The year 1's have now moved onto pseudowords whilst continuing with their phase 5 alternative sounds.

All the children love their Little Wandle reading books which have lots of interesting pictures in them and some exciting vocabulary. Each Thursday your child will bring home a new Little Wandle book which they will have previously read at school and will therefore be familiar with the text. Your child should be able to read their book without any help, but if they cannot read a word, please do support them. The books will be collected on Monday ready to start a new Little Wandle book. Please can you record in your child's reading record when they have read at home to let us know how they have done. Please make sure they have their book bag and books with them every day.

In addition, your child will bring home another reading book for pleasure to share with you, Library books will come home with your child on a Thursday to be returned to school the following Monday, please look at these books with your child, look at the pictures and discuss the story. If your child doesn't return their library book before Wednesday, they will not get changed until the following week.

Spellings for the children in Year 1 will be stuck into their reading record on a Thursday. They also have a small orange book to practice their spellings at home during the week before being tested on them on the following Friday.

In English the children in Reception will be using Talk through Stories to explore books together, we will look at one book for a period of two weeks focusing on developing oracy with the story and then use this to help us to analyse the story and develop a deep understanding of the story as well as learning how to use the stories vocabulary in the correct context. The Reception children will now be focusing on writing words inline with their phonics during English sessions and provision time.

The Year 1 children will continue to work with Year 2 in their English lessons with a focus on information texts, poems and stories linked to the theme of animals.

They will also be learning how to punctuate their writing and how to make their writing more interesting by using adjectives and conjunctions.

In Maths the children in EYFS will be focusing on numbers to 20 with lots of practical experiences and hands on learning. The children in Year 1 will be learning about multiplication and division, moving onto fractions during the term.

Our PE lessons will continue to be on Thursday afternoons. Depending on the weather and activity, the sessions will take place either in our school hall or outside on the playground / school field. Please ensure that your child has both an indoor and outdoor PE kit in school which is clearly labelled with their name and a pair of trainers for outdoor PE.

Forest School will continue to be on Tuesday afternoon this half term. Children will need wellies and some old jogging bottoms or waterproof trousers as the weather gets colder. We do have some school waterproofs so please don't buy new ones, but if your child already has some please send them in on a Thursday. Please ensure that they have a winter hat, gloves and coat as they will be outside each week for 40 minutes irrespective of the weather, as the term progresses you may need to send a sunhat and if the weather is warm please ensure that sun cream is applied BEFORE your child comes to school.

Sharing Assembly Please join our sharing assembly every Friday to celebrate the children's achievements, these will be at 2.45pm on a weekly basis. As always, if there is anything you wish to discuss we are always available, please pop in or message us via Dojo.

As always should you have any wow moments at home or special trips/ activities that your child has done at home please send in some details and we will share them with the class, but please discourage your child from show and tell of toys etc., we are hoping to use it as a way of celebrating achievements are sharing information about our lives away from school.

Many thanks

Mrs. Chappell

And the Class 1 team

Diary dates

25th April EYFS and KS1 cluster multi skills event at Stillington Primary School

26th April Easingwold Town Band visit

28th April Garden force morning in wildlife area

6th May Bank Holiday

7th May please provide tubes for junk modelling flowers

14th May stay and play at 1pm

21st May Culture and Faith enrichment day

24th May EYFS and KS1 Parents tea party at 2.15pm

24th May Break up for half term

3rd June School reopens

WC 10th June YR 1 Phonics screening