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Spring 1 Newsletter

Year 1

Dear Year 1 Parents and Guardians,

Happy New Year!

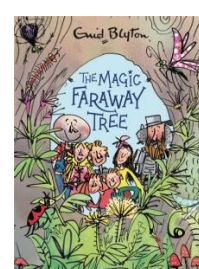
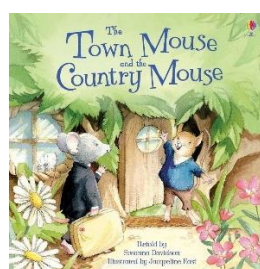
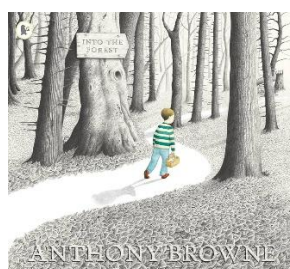
We hope that you have all enjoyed a restful holiday. Please find below an outline of our learning for this Spring term.

Maths

Place value to 20 as well as addition and subtraction will be our focus in maths this half term. We will begin by consolidating our autumn learning, continuing to practise adding by 'counting on' and using our number bonds knowledge. This will be particularly useful in helping children calculate mentally and supports their understanding of relations between numbers. We will then shift our focus to subtraction, progressing onto problems which involve 'bridging 10'. Children will learn and practice strategies to use their reasoning skills and solve problems.

Literacy

Our term has begun with an exciting fairytales workshop, immersing the children in the magic of traditional storytelling. Following this, we will be retelling the story of Little Red Riding Hood, through play and writing. As we move through Winter and into Spring, we will be using some wonderful books as inspiration for our literacy. These selected texts will help deepen our learning across the wider curriculum.



We will continue to work on mastering the foundational skills for writing, such as accuracy in letter formation, correct pencil grip for stamina, application of our phonics learning

and developing understanding of sentence structure. Our phonics will continue with new Phase 5 sounds being introduced daily.

Date for the diary!

On the **2nd February at 17.00 – 17.30**, we will be hosting an information session for parents and carers focusing on the teaching of phonics, early reading, supporting your child at home and the Y1 phonics screening. This session will be online and more details will be sent out closer to the date.

Wider Curriculum

Our science this term will include the next part of our longitudinal study of the seasons, investigating how weather changes throughout the year. We will begin our next topic, learning about the parts of the human body, their function and role of our senses. In geography, we will be learning about the United Kingdom, looking at the capital cities and counties. The children will learn how to identify the different features of an island. In art, we will be looking closely at the painting of David Hockney, using his work as context for learning how to create different marks using different media and develop skills in observational drawing. In Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE), we will be exploring the role of money and the difference between want and need. Our RE this term will continue its focus on Christianity; the children will be learning about Christian values and the teachings of Jesus. In Spanish, we will now be learning the days of the week and numbers to 20. Our computing focus this term will be on digital literacy, how to search safely online and understanding how computers are useful to us.

PE Days

These will remain the same this term:

Miss Mancey's Class: **Thursdays** and **Fridays**

Mrs Paratilla's Class: **Tuesdays** and **Fridays**

Children need to wear trainers and comfortable clothes on these days.

Thank you for all your support.

Warm wishes,

Miss Mancey & Mrs Paratilla