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Year 1/2 newsletter

Welcome back!

We hope you have had a lovely break. We are looking forward to continuing our learning alongside lots of fun! If you have any concerns at all, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Year 1/2 team. We are happy to help. We are really looking forward to working with you to make sure that your child fulfils their potential and has the best learning experience. The best help you can give is to make sure your child attends every day on time. Attending every day enables your children to build upon their learning and further their understanding. Every school day is planned to help your child to achieve, so excellent attendance is vital. Please also ensure that your child has a healthy breakfast e.g. cereal, with lots of early nights, to ensure they can concentrate fully and give their best.

**Animals including humans**

Seeds, bulbs and how things grow

*Biology*

* To observe and describe how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants
* To find out and describe how plants need water, light and a suitable temperature to grow and stay healthy

Throughout lessons we will:

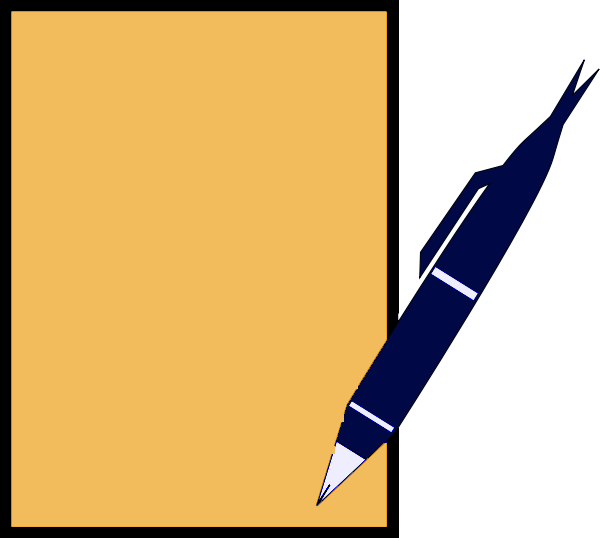
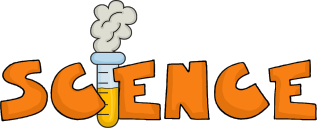
· observe how plants grow

We will be participating in planting

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**Key Vocabulary:**

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**English:**

Children in Year 1 and 2 will be working towards the following in English:

* develop reading skills (prediction, retrieval, sequencing).
* accurately demarcate simple sentences.
* use exclamation marks to demarcate sentences
* describe using expanded noun phrases to specify and describe
* apply past and present tense consistently

**Phonics:**

Phonics will continue to take place twice daily. Some children will do two sessions of speed sounds and word time, whereas some children will do one speed sound session and a story time session to develop their reading skills.

Please keep reading books in your child’s book bag, so they can be changed when needed.



This term, year 1 children will be focusing on weight and capacity and we will also be moving on to numbers up to 50.

Year 2 children will be focusing on mass, capacity and temperature as well as some statistic work.

Children will also be completing number sense lessons daily, this will allow children to see numbers or images up to 10 without counting.

Numbots is important for children to be using daily to keep their speed and knowledge of number bonds up to scratch.

TTRS has been added to our weekly homework for year 2 children specifically to help their multiplication and division skills.

**Key vocabulary:** mass, total, weight, height, capacity, heat, temperature, scales

* **Matter**
* **Melting**
* **Melting point**
* **Solid**
* **State of matter**
* **Temperature**
* **Thermometer**
* **Water cycle**
* **Matter**
* **Melting**

April 5th – Parents Evening

April 7th – Parents Evening

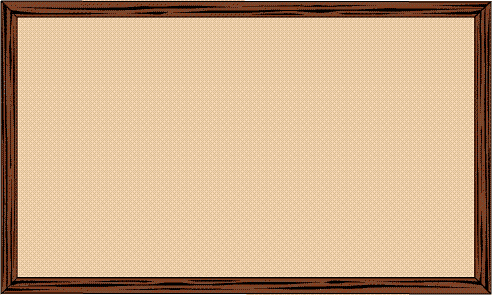
April 8th - School closes



**History** – we will be learning about the Great Fire of London. Children will be learning about the events and when it happened as well as the impact it has had in later life.

**PE** – we will be participating in tennis and will be coached by an outside agency, how exciting!

**PSHE**- children will be learning about health and wellbeing, mainly focusing on hazards and how to spot/solve them.



**Things to remember:**

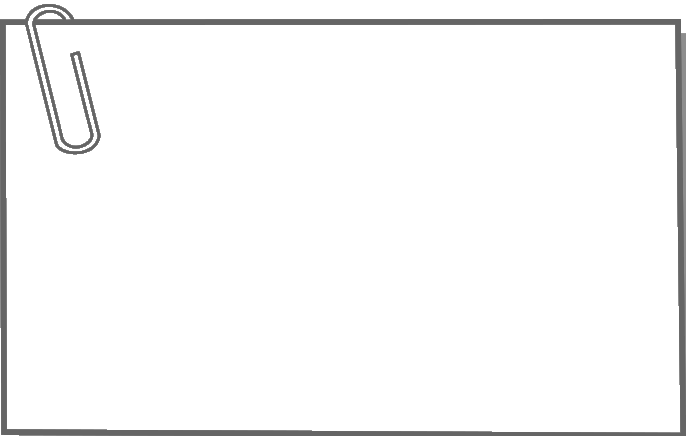
PE is on a Monday afternoon. Please ensure children have their kit every week.

Planners should be handed in every day. Please record in here when your child has read at home and sign weekly. Books will be changed twice weekly on a Tuesday and Thursday, but must be brought daily for 1:1 reading.

Useful websites:

[www.numbots.com](http://www.numbots.com)

E-safety link: <http://www.safetynetkids.org.uk/>



**Reading** – Year 1 and 2 pupils should be reading for at least 15 minutes every day. When reading with your child, encourage them to sound out tricky words using their phonics and discuss any unfamiliar vocabulary. Stop them regularly, to check their understanding, as this will support them with their learning. Some questions you could ask: what are the characters thinking/feeling? How do you know?

**Numbots**- Children should be accessing Numbots for at least 10 minutes every day- we are monitoring progress daily and giving out lots of achievement points so please continue to support this at home.

Thank you.