

Year 1/2 Newsletter

Welcome to Year 1/2!

We would like to start by saying a huge big welcome to Year 1/2, we hope that the children have enjoyed their first few weeks with us, we have already fitted in so much! We have certainly enjoyed getting to know them a little better and we are all looking forward to the term ahead. Thank you for the wonderful homework challenges that have been completed over the holidays, what an enthusiastic start to the Year 1/2 Journey. We want to share with you what the children will be learning over the next half term and outline key events and dates.

Core subjects

In Maths, we will be covering Number pairs to 10/20/100, addition, subtraction methods, ordering numbers and saying how much they are worth, problem solving with numbers, counting in 2's, 5's and 10's and using the greater than and less than symbols.

In English, we will be Reading 'But Why Can't I?' by Sue Graves and the 'The Highway Rat' by Julia Donaldson and then lots of writing tasks from this, we will be describing using adjectives, writing full sentences and punctuating them correctly. We will be writing endings to stories and diary entries as well as our weekly news about what we have done at the weekend. We will be perfecting our handwriting and reading our writing back to check it makes sense, trying our best to write really super sentences that are clear, accurate and interesting!

In Science, our topic is Materials and their uses, we will be planning and carrying out experiments and designing and making things to help us.

Wider Curriculum

Geography- the local area, exploring Pontefract, using maps, keys and symbols.

History- local history including a visit to Pontefract Castle and then exploring heroes and villains from our past and comparing them (Robin Hood and local highwayman James Nevison)

Art- Sketching and painting and then exploring the artist Freidensreich Hundertwasser

DT- Designing and making a coat for the 'Highway Rat'

RE-Christianity

Computing-Internet Safety and ICT skills

PE- Dance with Elite and outdoor games

PSHCE- Rule and routines

Homework We begin official weekly homework after Christmas, a weekly Literacy and Numeracy but for now the following will be sent each week...

- **Reading** -please try to listen to your child read at least twice, send reading diaries and books into school each day.
- **Rainbow Passport** – this will be test on Tuesdays and Fridays and will begin next week, all relevant information will be sent out with your child
- **Spellings and Phonics**- sent out on a Thursday and tested the following Thursday. Information will be sent next week.
- **Half termly topic homework**- please see the attached letter

Any problems or concerns then please don't hesitate to see a member of the Y1/2 team and we will be more than happy to help, we look forward to getting to know you all.



P.E.

- Monday pm

-Thursday pm

Please ensure the correct kit is sent into school and left in lockers all week. Kit that is labelled with names is even more helpful for changing times!

How you can help your child:

- Listen to them read as much as possible and talk about what they have read, read a range of books, stories and comics at home.

-Practise their weekly spellings/phonics and have a go at putting them into sentences too.

-Practise Rainbow Passports

- Practise number bonds to 10/20/100 say them quickly.

-Learn the 2, 5 and 10 times tables off by heart and say them quickly.

Key dates:

- Key Stage One Welcome Meeting Monday 23rd September 6.00pm

- Trip to Pontefract Castle Thursday 26th September