



Year One Spring 1 Newsletter



Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely, restful break and enjoyed special time together with your families over the holidays. This half term, we are

excited to continue our *Curious Quest* journey in literacy, where the children will develop their writing skills through imaginative adventures and storytelling. In PSHE, we will be gently encouraging the children to think about what makes them proud and how they can set and achieve personal goals, building confidence and perseverance along the way. Our science learning will begin with materials before moving on to plants and trees, where the children will enjoy exploring nature, recognising different types of trees, and learning about the parts of a plant. In history, we will be comparing old and new toys, spotting similarities and differences, and children will have the opportunity to share their favourite toy with their friends- more details will be sent home soon. We will also continue taking loving care of our school animals, helping to nurture responsibility and kindness.

We can't wait to share many exciting adventures together this half term.

What we will be learning about:

- Setting and achieving goals, and celebrating what we are proud of
- Comparing old and new toys, including their features, similarities and differences
- Identifying and labelling the different parts of a plant
- Using adjectives, verbs and nouns to develop and improve our writing
- Programming a Beebot in computing
- Subtraction within 10 in maths
- The properties of 3D shapes
- Exploring powder paints in art
- Developing food technology skills by making a fruit salad
- Gymnastics and Multi-skills in PE

Useful Websites:

These websites will support your child with their learning.

<https://play.numbots.com/>

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

You can help at home by:

- Listening to your child read on a regular basis and asking questions about the book they have read
- Supporting your child with their reading 3x a week
- Encouraging your children to practise writing simple sentences using capital letters and full stops
- Helping your child to learn their tricky and high frequency words
- Encouraging your child to speak in full sentences

Important Information

IGM PE day is Tuesday

IAD PE days are Tuesdays and Fridays

Please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kit on these days.

Please ensure all clothing is named.

Book Bags: Please ensure your child reads their RWI book bag book at least 3 times per week. This will help to support their reading fluency. Books will be sent home in book bags every **Friday**, so please ensure book bags are returned to school by **Thursday**. You can record what and how your child has read at home in their yellow reading record.

Please continue to encourage your child to use Numbots at home. On this website the children will be able to play games to practise their mathematical skills such as subitising, adding and subtracting.

Have a look at our brilliant website, where you will find other useful information and some examples of our beautiful work!

www.clapgateprimaryschool.co.uk