

Dear Parents/Carers,



Happy 2017 to you all. Please find below about our topic for this term and other information you will find useful.

	Spring 1	Spring 2
Theme (Science, History/Geography, Art/DT)	What do aliens think of life on planet Earth?(Science -Materials) Why are computer games more fun than Grandma and Grandad's toys? (History)	Where do the Wheels on the bus go? (Geography - local area)
English	Fantasy stories - Space (4 weeks) Winter 1 week Poetry - rhyme (2 weeks)	Traditional tales (4 weeks (Mary and the Twelve months) Non-fiction writing- A visit to the park in Spring (2 weeks)
Maths	Place Value Time Fractions	Addition/Subtraction Multiplication/Division Measures: Length and height
Computing	Modelling	Computer programming
RE PSCHE	Special days Going for goals	→ Good to be me
PE	Gymnastics	Striking and fielding
Ongoing theme throughout the year	Observe seasonal changes -Winter/Spring How do seasons impact on what we do?	

Notices

- For **homework** (in preparation for the Phonics Screening in June) I will now start to send home real words and alien words in a small bag. [The phonic screening is made up of 40 real words and alien words. Alien words are made up words that use a phonic pattern and the idea is to test the children's phonic knowledge e.g. voik, boid. There is always a picture of an alien next to it so the children know to purely use their phonic knowledge and not to try to make it into a real word.] Please cut up the sheet and then mix up the words and ask your child to read them one at a time. The reading promise sheet then needs to be signed (by you and your child) and sent back into school in the plastic bag so I can put in the next weeks homework words. Please bring into school by Thursday at the latest. Children who haven't brought their signed promise sheet back by Thursday will have to stay in at playtime to complete the words. I will be going through the process in school with the children so they will, hopefully, be able to explain to you what to do. However, if you are unclear about this activity (or would like to know more about the phonic screening in June) please don't hesitate to speak to me. The children could always reinforce their phonics knowledge by writing sentences using the real words, looking for other words with the same pattern or even making up and reading their own alien words.

- PE takes place on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school on these days. During Spring 1 Mr Seed will be teaching gymnastics. The children have had their first lesson and all thoroughly enjoyed it. We definitely have some budding gymnasts in Year One! Please make sure earrings are taken out before children come to school on PE days.

Thank you for continuing to read with your child at home, it makes an enormous difference to their ability and confidence. Please continue to make a record in your child's reading record book and as last term, if your child requires a new book please continue to inform us by turning the yellow label over in your child's book bag. We will continue to check the children's knowledge of high frequency words when we listen to them read. Please try to go over the previous lists as often as possible.

As always thank you for your continued support and if you require any further information about the topics we will be covering or have any other concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Finally I am sure you would all like to welcome Miss Firth (a final year student teacher) who will be working with our class until the February half term. You may remember Miss Firth from last year as she undertook her second year placement with your children in Reception.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Snowden
Year 1 Class Teacher

