Key Stage 1 Spring Newsletter

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Spring Term in Year 1

During the first half term the children will be learning about the changes over time. We will be looking at the changes in transport, toys, household object and technology. If you have any items/photographs from the past (old family photographs, toys, Victorian irons/kettles/washing equipment etc) or would like to share stories then please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher to arrange a time to visit or drop off an item. We will also be going to 'The V&A Museum of Childhood' to further our learning for this topic.

English

We shall be looking at the story 'Naughty Bus' by Jan and Jerry Oke. In this topic we will be exploring the different settings in the story and the children will come up with their own settings from around the school. At the end of the unit the children will be writing their own adventure story featuring a toy of their choice.

Maths

Children will continue to develop their numeracy skills through activities involving:

- reading, writing, ordering and counting numbers,
- addition and subtraction,
- solving problems e.g. finding change when using money,
- place value by partitioning numbers into tens and units, and finding 1 more/ less and 10 more/less.
- We will revisit work on 2D and 3D shapes and their properties.
- Comparing, measuring and recording mass/ weight.

Topic: Changes Over Time. We will be looking at transport, household objects, technology and toys.

R.E. Topic
Local Church
Community/Eucharist

P.E. Topic: Gym
The focus this term is gym so please include their gym shorts in their PE kit.

Science Topic: Materials. We will be looking at a variety of materials and their uses, and linking the materials to our 'Changes over Time' topic.

Home time

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Spring Term in Year 2

Our Topics:
'Weather' and 'The Great Fire of London'

The children's topic for this half term is 'Weather'. The children will be learning about weather in contrasting locations around the world and looking at artwork created by Ron Fondow. We are also finalising a date for our trip to Dulwich Picture Gallery after we had to postpone it last term. During the second half term the children will be learning about the events that occurred during the Fire of London and linking their History topic to D&T, where the children will be learning about wheels and axles and designing their own vehicles. We are planning to end this topic with the popular visit to a Saint Paul's Cathedral.

English
This half term we will be learning about 'Wolves' through the fiction text by Emily Gravett. During the second half term we will be learning about 'The Great Fire of London' through fiction and non-fiction texts. We will also be putting a lot of focus on spelling so you may notice that a lot of homework will be spelling related this term.

Maths
In Maths we will be introducing methods of multiplication and division and trying to identify the relationship between the 2 methods.
E.g. 3 x 5 =15
15 ÷ 5 = 3
The children are also encouraged to learn their 2, 5, 3 and 10 times tables to help with this skill. We will also continue developing our shape, space and data handling knowledge.

Class Talk reminder for Spring Term
If your child has a Class Talk in Spring, the dates are printed on the back of the newsletter. If your child's name is not on the list please do not worry, they will be doing their Class Talk in the Summer Term. Thank you for all you efforts for preparing the children for their talks.

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Local Church Community/ Eucharist

Science Topic:
'Growing Up' learning about animals including humans.
'Shaping up' learning about uses of everyday materials.

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7th February	Parents Evening 4:40pm-7pm
8th February	Class 5 Assembly
12th February	Parents Evening 3:30pm - 6pm
28th February	Year 2 trip to Saint Paul's Cathedral
1st March	St.David's Day Mass in church for St.David's House pupils. Parents invited.
5th March	Year 2 Maths Morning for Parents 9:00am
22nd March	Class 6 Assembly
5th April	School closes 2pm

Year 1 Spring Term Show and Tell Dates

Friday 18th January – Kingsley, Kip, Lawrence, Mariana

Friday 25th January – Louie, Louis, Niall, Oscar

Friday 1st February – Luke, Maggie, Raffy, Ricardo

Friday 8th February – Mayowa, Orla, Rory, Sofia

Friday 15th February – Rosie, Selihom, Sorcha, Thea

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Friday 15th March – Alvaro, Amara, Ashley, Amelia

Friday 22nd March – Amber, Anthony, Bluebelle, Barney

Friday 29th March – Antonio, Aodhan, Chukwujindu, Daniel

Class 3 children Class 4 children

Year 2 Spring Term Class Talk Dates

Friday 11th January - Andrea, Pietro
Friday 18th January - Harvey, Darren
Friday 25th January - Faye, Nathan
Friday 1st February - Matthew, Tessa
Friday 8th February - Fernanda, Evans
Friday 15th February - Layla, Isabelle
Friday 1st March - Martina, Cathal
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