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Spring Newsletter – Year 1

Dates for your Diary

8th January – Spring Term Begins

5th February – Parents Evening (more info to follow)

8th February – Parents Evening (Teams, more info to follow)

16th February – Last day of Half Term

26th February – Half Term Begins

7th March – World Book Day (more info to follow)

27th March – KS1 Easter Craft

28th March – End of Spring Term

Welcome back!

We hope you have all had a lovely Christmas holiday and are feeling ready for the next term.

Our team remains the same and is as follows Miss Corkill (the Monkeys class and KS1 Phase Leader) and Miss Cornmell and Miss Cubbon (the Pandas class). Miss Cornmell will be teaching Monday and Tuesday and Miss Cubbon Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Classes will be supported by Miss Caley, Miss Stokes and Miss Jackson.

Reading books and records need to be in school every day. All reading books will be changed on a Monday, but the children have access to the books if they need to change them on another day. Please read a variety of texts with your child at home alongside their school books.

Please provide your child with a named water bottle to help keep them hydrated all day and a healthy snack for mid-morning. No nut products are allowed due to allergies in school and ideally the snack provided should be fruit or vegetable where possible. Snacks are eaten outside, so please bare this in mind when packing them!

The Monkeys will have PE lessons on Wednesday and Thursday and the Pandas on Tuesday and Wednesday. Your child will need both an indoor and an outdoor PE kit in school, which will be sent home with them at the end of each half term. Long hair needs to be tied up and earrings need to be removed before they come to school.

Outdoor Learning

Every Wednesday in Year 1 we will be utilising our outdoor space to further develop team building, resilience and life skills. Therefore, on a Wednesday Year 1 need to come into school wearing clothes which can get muddy! Please ensure they also have a change of shoes. No school uniform is needed on a Wednesday for Year 1.

Home Learning

There will be Maths and Phonics activities uploaded weekly on to Teams, which will support the in class learning that has taken place. Additional activities and links will also be available for anyone who would like to complete extra learning at home. If anyone is unsure of their Teams login, please let us know (it is the same as your previous Its Learning one).



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Phonics Learning Logs will be sent home every Friday. They will contain the codes and tricky words which the children have been learning during the week. Please practice these at home with your child and return the Learning Log to school on a Thursday.

Heroic Women (Spring 1 focus)

In Spring 1 we will be focusing on Heroic Women and their impact on our lives. The women we will be learning about are: Florence Nightingale, Mary Seacole, Grace Darling, Anne Frank and Queen Elizabeth. We will be discussing when they lived and what they achieved in their life time.

Farming, Agriculture and Machinery (Spring 2 focus)

After February half term we will be learning about Farming, Agriculture and Machinery. This is an exciting chance for the children to learn about life on a farm, farming on the Isle of Man and where their food comes from. We will also be introducing some basic map skills into this learning.

If you have any information or resources which you think could be useful for either of the above themes, please do let us know!

Parents Evening

The dates for Parents Evening are the 5th and 8th February. The Monday session will be face to face and the Thursday session via teams. More information regarding booking appointments will be available closer to the time. We urge you to book appointments quickly, to ensure you find a time suitable.

KS1 Easter Craft

This year our Easter Craft session will be in the afternoon (time to be confirmed). This will run the same as our Christmas Session and is a lovely way to end the term together.

Home-school communication

Reminders will be posted on Dojo (whole class and individual messages if needed). Please ensure you check Dojo regularly. If you have any queries or need to record absences, please email the school office and they will pass on any relevant information. If you require a more in-depth chat, please see your class teacher to arrange an appointment suitable for all. If you are sending messages on Dojo, please ensure you send it to the teacher who will be in school that day.

Letters will continue to be emailed, therefore please make sure school has an up-to-date email address.

**If you have any questions please just ask.
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