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## Spring Newsletter – Year 1

### Key Dates for your Diary

<b>6<sup>th</sup> January</b> – Spring Term Begins	<b>17<sup>h</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> February</b> – Half Term
<b>31<sup>st</sup> January</b> – Mental Health Coffee Afternoon	<b>6<sup>th</sup> March</b> – World Book Day (more info to follow)
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> February</b> – Children's Mental Health Week	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> April</b> – KS1 Easter Craft
<b>11<sup>th</sup> February</b> – Safer Internet Day	<b>4<sup>th</sup> April</b> – End of Spring Term
<b>11<sup>th</sup> February</b> – Parents' Evening (more info to follow)	
<b>13<sup>th</sup> February</b> – Parents' Evening Teams (more info to follow)	

### Welcome Back!

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

Our team remains the same and is as follows: Miss Diack (Owl Class and KS1 Phase Leader), and Mrs Smith and Miss Cubbon (Panda Class). Mrs Smith will be teaching Monday and Tuesday, and Miss Cubbon will be teaching Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Classes will be supported by Miss Stokes.

Reading books and records need to be in school every 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 vegetables where possible. Snacks are eaten outside, so please be mindful when packing them.

### PE Kits

The Owls will have PE lessons on Wednesday and Friday, and the Pandas on Monday 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 Thursday in Year 1 we will be utilising our outside space to further develop team building, resilience and life skills. Therefore, on a Thursday, 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 Thursday for Year 1.

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## **Home Learning**

There will be Maths and Phonics activities uploaded weekly onto 'Teams'. 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.

There will also be optional 'Mathletics' tasks set, which will support the in class learning that has taken place. Children's Mathletics logins (where permission has been given on Arbor) will be attached to children's reading records.

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 practise 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 in 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 lifetime.

## **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 11<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> February. The Tuesday session will be face to face and the Thursday session via Teams. More information 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 Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April @2pm-3pm

## **Home-School Communications**

If you have any queries or need to record absences, please email the school office at [onchanenquiries@sch.im](mailto:onchanenquiries@sch.im) 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 have any questions, please just ask.

Miss Diack, Mrs Smith, Miss Cubbon and Miss Stokes

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