



COBHAM Primary School



Year 1 Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We hope you have had a restful break and enjoyed time spent with family and friends. We would like to say a HUGE thank you to you all for our amazing Christmas gifts and cards. We were overwhelmed with your generosity and cannot thank you all enough!

This letter is an outline of the learning planned for Class 1 between now and Easter.

Spellings and reading homework will continue and we hope you will carry on reading with your child daily as enthusiastically as you have been doing. It is so satisfying to see such a huge improvement in reading abilities as a result. We would like to remind you to write bug club books in your child's reading records and to **only use one page per week**. The weekly homework will also continue, rotating between English and Mathematics. It will be sent out on a Thursday but will not be due in until the following Wednesday to give you extra time to complete if necessary.

In English this term we will be using a range of fiction and non-fiction texts as a way of learning about characters, events and story language. Your child will be continuing to learn how to use descriptive language to make their writing more interesting. We will continue our SPAG work throughout this term. Phonics will continue to be taught daily in preparation for the Year 1 Phonics Test in June. Just before Christmas we sent home alien words for your children to work through. These are similar to the blending lists but are laid out in the same format as they will be shown during the test. Please practise these daily. This should prepare them as much as possible for the Phonics test.

In Mathematics, we will be looking at place value, adding and taking away 10 and focusing on number pairs that make 10. We will now be introducing numbers up to 100, although our main focus will remain on numbers to 20. We are also focusing on using a range of manipulatives such as 100 squares and number lines to assist the children with their mathematics, as well as continuing to use bead strings and counters.

We are going to be looking at the different seasons in our Geography, Science, Art and Music lessons. Please discuss the seasons around the world and talk about if you have experienced weather in different places around the world. Please give your child the opportunity to watch the weather forecast on the television as we will be making our own forecast by the end of the term.

In our R.E lessons this term, we will be studying what it means to people to belong to a faith community. We will look at a range of religions and discuss them. Next term, we focus on Easter and the different events around the religious festival.

Our P.E lessons will be on a Monday and Wednesday afternoon so please ensure your child's P.E kit is in school every day. Please ensure they have a suitable outdoor kit too as we will be using our outdoor environments regardless of the weather. Sometimes our timetable does change so PE kits need to be in school every day. If your child has an after school club, be ensure their kit is returned the following day as we do not have any spares. Likewise, if you have any old PE kit that your child no longer fits into, we would always welcome spares for that exact reason!

If you have any worries or need to contact any of the team, an email (k.gallagher@cobham.kent.sch.uk) or a handwritten letter is best and this can be handed in to the adult at the door in the morning or to the school office.

**What an exciting and busy term it is going to be! Thank you for your continued support.
Many thanks,**

Mrs Gallagher, Mrs Heasman, Miss Styles and Mrs Sahota