

Year 1 Newsletter – Spring 2



Building
Brighter
Futures
Together

Welcome to the fourth edition of our newsletter! We have lots of exciting things planned over the next few weeks. We hope that this newsletter will provide you with an overview of what will be happening in Year 1 this half term.

Our Theme this term is:

How does your garden grow?

English



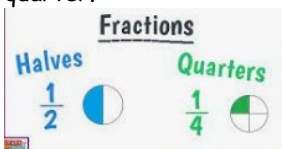
ENGLISH – We will be focusing on the texts *The Secret Sky* and *The Secret Garden*. The children will learn to write simple and complex sentences incorporating different punctuation to demarcate sentences correctly. Our final piece of writing will be a setting description,



Maths



the children will learn all about fractions, halving and quartering. They will learn how to halve and quarter shapes and amounts and will learn the symbols to show one half and one quarter.



Science



In Science we will continue to observe the weather and understand how seasonal changes affect us. We will focus on the changes we see in Spring.

We will also be learning about plants. including deciduous trees and ever green trees. The children will learn to label a part of a plant including petals, stem, leaf and root. We will also look in detail about the parts of a tree. We will learn about the different functions of the parts of the plants and trees.

Art



In theme the children will begin the half term learning about the artist Georgia O'Keefe. We will give an opinion on her work by discussing the things that we like or dislike about her work. We will also think of questions about her work. We will then move onto creating lines of different thickness using pencils and use this skill in our drawings. We will learn the skill of quilling by cutting, rolling and coiling materials.

PHSCE



Keeping myself safe and Rights and Responsibilities

The children will continue to learn about how to keep themselves safe including online safety and understanding the safety and responsibility of medicines. Online safety is a really important topic and it would be helpful if you could discuss online safety at home with your children. In the final few weeks we will move onto learning about rights and responsibilities; this will continue into the summer term. We will recognise how our behaviour can affect others and we will learn about our school environment.

Important Dates

World Book day – Thursday 7th March
School closes and Reports being sent 22nd March

Look out for the Easter Egg Competition during the last week of school

Parents Basic Skills

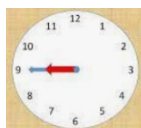
These sessions will run **every Thursday at 2.50pm**. These sessions are really beneficial to all the children and give you a great opportunity to see what the children have been learning in class. We hope that you can attend as many of the sessions as possible.

PE and Outdoor learning

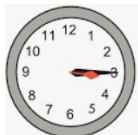
PE will take place on Thursday afternoons. Children will need to **come to school in the correct kit** every Thursday. Outdoor learning will not be taking place this half term.



School day/ routines



Learning starts at **8:45 a.m.**
Learning ends at **3:15 p.m.**



There will be members of the Year 1 and 2 team on the yard before and after school. If you have questions please come and speak to one of the staff team.

Equipment



Children will need to bring their own water bottle to school every day.

Children must also arrive to school every day with their reading record and reading books.

Learning at Home

Reading: Children are expected to read for at least **20** minutes every day.



Please listen to your child read and encourage them to develop good reading habits. Ask your child questions about the texts they read and please fill in the reading records so we can give your child a new book.

Library – Every Tuesday, the children will spend half an hour in the library, where they will select a book they can take home and read for pleasure. Our library sessions will include a time for the children to read their books and also, we will provide them with an opportunity to listen to a range of texts.

Homework Menu

Children will be given a homework menu. They must choose an activity from either English, Maths, Creative or Other. Homework books will be given out on Friday and must be completed and handed in by **Wednesday**.

Times tables: By the end of year one children are expected to be able to count in 2, 5 and 10s. Regular practise of these is vital for your child to become secure with these facts. Please help your child to say and use their times tables.

Spellings

Children will be given a list of spellings every **Monday**. Please help your child to read and spell these correctly as they will be tested on these in class every **Friday**.

Break and Lunch Times

Break Time

10:15-10:30

Lunch Time

11:30 – 12:00 pm. (Lunch in class)

12:00 12:30pm. (Outside)

Talking at Home

We encourage you to talk to your child about their learning in class. Ask them what they have learnt each day or something new which they have found out. See if your child can explain what they have been learning at school. This is a good indication of how well they listen and how interested they are in their work. They may even tell you something you didn't know!

Get Epic

We have a fantastic resource available for the children to access a range of reading books, both fiction and non-fiction. If you google get epic/student log in. You will be asked to enter your class code.

The class code for 1JG is **jui4949**.

The class code for 1TB is