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SPRING 2024 CLASS NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers of Children in Year 1,

Welcome back! We hope you all had a joyful Winter break with your family and friends. We have written this newsletter to give you further information on the expectations and routines in Year 1 this term.

In Year 1 this term, Mr Kuliszewski will be teaching, with Mrs Ridgeway, Mrs Dadd and Mrs Morgan supporting, to provide your child with a safe, nurturing learning environment. We pride ourselves on having an **open-door policy**, so if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me either in person or by email. Similarly, if I am ever not available, please feel free to discuss any concerns with one of our teaching assistants.

We know we have only been back in school for one week, but I am so impressed with how well your children have settled into their class. They have shown a great attitude towards their learning and have been keen to impress; we are all looking forward to the rest of the year. We have included a list of topics and a brief explanation for what we will be covering during each one in the table below.

This term in Year 1, we are learning:

Subject Area	Content	What we hope to find out and learn
English	Fiction- Losing Tale, Cumulative Tale Non-Fiction- Letter Writing	In English we will be reading a variety of texts to ensure the children become familiar with a wide range of genres and understand the difference between fiction and non-fiction. We will be practising our letter formations, finger spaces, capital letters and full stops.
Maths	Numbers 0-5 Recognise, compose, decompose and manipulate 2D and 3D shapes Numbers 1-10 Additive structures	In Maths we will focus on deepening the children's understanding of place value within 10. We will support the children in becoming familiar with a wide range of maths resources and in beginning to solve more simple addition and subtraction problems. The children will also begin to learn about some 2D and 3D shapes and their properties. We will also start to investigate additive structures.
Science	Animals including Humans: Sensitive bodies	In this Science unit, we will learn about human body parts and how we grow. We will understand the five senses and why they are so important. We will then progress to

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	Animals: Comparing animals	learning about animals, how we can group them and understanding their different diets.
Geography & History		In our Geography lessons, we will be looking into our local area. What does it look like? We will be talking a lot about Uffculme and what that means for the children. We will also be looking into some of the local history.
Computing	Computer systems and network: Mouse skills Programming 1: Algorithms	In Computing, we are looking how to use computers more purposefully. Log in and navigate around a computer, Drag, drop, click, and control a cursor using a mouse. Use software tools to create art on the computer. We will also into early programming
Art & DT		As we have already done two art units we will be focusing more on computing through this term. But we will ensure ample opportunity to do art in other subjects.
Music	Singing A variety of music styles	In Music, the children will practise using vocabulary such as beat, rhythm, pitch and many more. They will be encouraged to move to the music they hear and begin to share their opinions of different songs.
PHSE		In PSHE, we are learning how to respond to adults in different situations; distinguishing appropriate and inappropriate physical contact; understanding what to do if lost and how to call the emergency services; identifying: hazards in the home and people in the community who keep us safe. Also, Learning about: the importance of rules and consequences of not following them; caring for the needs of babies, young children and animals; exploring our similarities and differences and an introduction to democracy
RE	Judaism	In RE, we will be discussing the people, places, stories, music and other things that are special to us. We will develop our understanding that everyone is different and has different special things that are important to them.
PE	Gymnastics Dance Tennis	In PE, we will be working on learning new gymnastics skills such as balance, shapes, and flight. In dance, we will be looking at creating a choreography of our own using skills such as timing, mirror, unison, and accumulation. In tennis, we will look to improve our knowledge and skills of the game such as serving, volleying and aim towards playing a rally.

Reading

All children at Uffculme Primary School are expected to read at least **3 times a week** at home. Please ensure your child does this and please sign their Reading Record Book to show that they have been heard.



Phonics

A phonics activity will be sent home weekly for your child to complete with an adult at home. The activities will match our learning in Phonics for the week. This activity will be in their homework folder.

Maths

Please use Doodle Maths as and when you feel that your children needs it. Your child's log in details for Doodle Maths will be in the front of their homework folder.

Water bottles and snack

Please can you send a **water bottle into school every day** for your child. It is important that they have access to water throughout the day and a bottle in the classroom ensures that water is readily available (no squash or juice please). Please label the bottle with your child's name.

Your child will be provided with a piece of fruit or vegetable every day for snack but if your child would like an extra snack at break time, they can bring in a piece of fruit or veg from home.

PE

PE lessons will be taken by Mr Carpanini and will be on a Monday and Thursday. Children will need to have their PE kit in school on these days. A reminder that your child needs: black shorts, red polo-shirt and daps. When the weather is colder, they may need black tracksuit bottoms. Please ensure that all PE kit is clearly labelled and carried in a named bag. For health and safety reasons, jewellery must be removed for P.E; this includes earrings.

Thank you in advance for your help and support over the term ahead.

With very best wishes,

Mr Kuliszewski

Year 1 Teacher

Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 16 th January	Open classrooms
Monday 5 th February	Parent consultations
Thursday 8 th February	Parent consultations
Friday 9 th February	Trust-Wide Non-Uniform Day
Monday 12 th to Friday 16 th February	Half term break
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day
Friday 15 th March	Red Nose Day (Non-uniform)
Friday 29 th March - Friday 12 th April	Easter Holidays
Monday 15 th April	Children return for Summer Term

