**Reading Books and Records**

Reading books will be changed when they have been read a few times and your child is confident reading the book. **Please ensure your child has their reading folder in school every day, as all year 1 children read with an adult daily.** Please let us know in reading records how much your child has read and what page they are up to. This will help us when reading in school and comments in reading records on your child’s reading can help us when checking reading progress.

We are looking forward to another busy term. Please ask if you have any questions by sending a message on eschools, catching me on the yard or sending an email or calling the school office.

Miss Simpson and Miss Boe

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BIKEABILITY (4th, 5th and 6th March 2024)

We are lucky enough to be given the opportunity to take part in Bikeability this term. Please find attached the letter that was sent out last term. If you have not yet completed the online form for your child to take part please ensure this is done as soon as possible. The letter states:

If your child has a balance bike, it would be helpful if they could bring it into school for the training dates, although bikes can be provided if required. Any balance bike brought from home must have foot pegs and be of an appropriate size for the child. Children **may not** use bikes with stabilisers or scooters. **All children wishing to take part in the course must wear a cycle helmet during training. If you are buying a helmet, make sure it has the EU standard number BS EN 1078: 1997**. A limited number of helmets will be available for loan.

If you have any further questions, please ask.

We will also continue to explore and get creative in Art (looking at layering and Henri Matisse) DT (creating a structure), RE and PSHE. Our PSHE topics this term are Coping and Support.

**PE**

This term in PE, we will be taking part in target games, gymnastics, yoga and invasion games.

PE kits must be bought into school on a Monday and can go home on a Friday to be washed. **Please make sure that all items of clothing and you child’s PE bag are named, as when an item of clothing is lost, it is difficult to find if it is not clearly labelled.**

Our PE days are Tuesday and Wednesday.

**Music**

This week, we had our first singing lesson. The music service will be joining us on a Wednesday morning to teach us singing. This is a great opportunity for the children to learn how to perform and understand pulse, pitch and rhythm.

**Science**

During science, we will learn about plants. We will look at what they need to grow, different types of plants and trees and will plant something of our own. We will continue to talk about seasonal changes and note down things that we notice.

**Geography and History**

During these subjects, we will be learning more about the UK. In Geography, we will look at our country and will complete some map work. We will learn about the UK countries and their capital cities and landmarks. In History, we will be learning about what Spennymoor was like in the past and how it has changed over time.

**Maths**

We will be looking at addition and subtraction again this term and using different methods and resources in order to add and subtract. We will look at numbers to 50 and begin our measurement topic, which involves length and height, and weight and volume.

. We will practise writing the short date in number form.

**English**

We will continue to practise of speaking in full sentences and then writing these sentences. We will begin some work on a new story and we will write character descriptions and will also be writing instructions. We will look at poetry and write a simple list poem. The children will continue to take part in daily phonics sessions using bug club phonics. We will be reading information texts and picking out the key features of an information text.

**January 2024**

We would like to wish you all a Happy New Year!

It is lovely to be able to welcome all of the children back to school. This term, our topic is Our Wonderful World. Please see below for information about each subject and what we will be learning this term.

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**Spring Term – Our Wonderful World**