



# Year 1

## Spring Newsletter

January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year to you all. It is so wonderful to see the children again after the winter break. They have all settled back into their routines amazingly!

### Reading

Every day, the children will take part in reading sessions where each group will work with an adult to focus on reading skills. As well as this, each child will read one to one with an adult once a week. **We will continue to give new books each week. A reminder that book change day is every Thursday. Please ensure that the reading records and books are handed in to be changed.**

### PE

This term, we will continue to have two PE sessions: Elio's class on **Monday** and **Thursday** and Peter's class on **Tuesday** and **Wednesday**. Please make sure that children come to school in their PE kit and that they also have suitable footwear to do the activities comfortably and safely. T-shirts can be purchased through Sharon in the office.

### Literacy

The children will continue to focus on using full stops, capital letters, finger spaces between their words and using their sounds to spell phonetically plausible words. This term we'll begin to adapt familiar stories (by changing the characters and setting), learn more features of information texts, write diary entries and letters, as well as creating and performing poetry.

### Numeracy

This term we will continue to develop the children's understanding of place value in 2-digit numbers, addition and subtraction, and how these concepts are related to each other.

Children will also explore topics in measurement, including mass, volume, length and height

### Science

This term, we will cover the human body and animals. Children will learn the functions of different parts of the human body, including the vital organs and organs used for sense. Children will also explore the requirements for a healthy diet. Children will identify and sort animals by classification (mammal, reptile etc.) and by their diet (carnivore, herbivore). They will also compare the structures of different animal bodies.

### Topic

During Spring 2, the children will learn about dinosaurs. Children will use timelines as an approach to the concept of prehistory and we will explore how evidence is found of events before human existence. Children will also sort dinosaurs based on the era of prehistory they are from.

Additionally, children will learn about different types of dinosaurs. We will continue by looking at competing theories of how the dinosaurs became extinct.

### Snacks

Every morning, the children will be given a piece of fruit during playtime. Children are also encouraged to stay hydrated throughout the day, so children should all come in to school with **a bottle of water** every day.

If you need to contact us regarding your child's education or wellbeing, please email us at [pbaldwin@wtwschool.co.uk](mailto:pbaldwin@wtwschool.co.uk) or [emercier@wtwschool.co.uk](mailto:emercier@wtwschool.co.uk).

Any urgent messages that need to be dealt with on the same day, must be telephoned through to the school office as we may not access our emails during the school day.