



## Year 1 Newsletter - Spring 2

### Reading Books (including Library books):

The majority of children continue to do brilliantly with their reading books and they are making yet more progress with their comprehension skills as well - we are continuing to support a love of reading in Year 1 as much as possible. 'Recommended reads' are still being given out to those children who are reading lots and it is wonderful to see just how many Library Books are being taken home on a Tuesday! Home books will be changed as often as possible!

### ENGLISH:

Phonics - Daily sessions focussing on Phases 3-5 with regular assessments  
Revision of key words and tricky words, including those on our Year 1 spelling list  
Spelling - Daily sessions within phonics  
Reading - Continues to be both individual, with their own reading books, and through group-guided sessions  
Handwriting - Lots of fine motor skills as well as practising our cursive handwriting style.

Writing - Tasks based around stories: 'The Owl and the Pussycat' by E. Lear & 'Jim and the Beanstalk' by R. Briggs

### MATHS:

We worked very hard again last  $\frac{1}{2}$  term on many aspects of our Mathematics!

This half-term our topics are:

Multiply and Divide, Length & Mass, Addition & Subtraction, Fractions, Position & Direction, Time

Hello everyone and hello sunshine as we start to see some better weather now that we pass the half-way mark of your child's time in Yr1! I really do love this time of year in school when we start to look at what Springtime has to offer and the children all get to run around outside that little bit more. It won't be long before we're needing to remind you all about sun hats and sun-cream again!

The children have all made a great start to this half-term. We would like to officially welcome Joseph to our class and to our Clifton family. It promises to be a jam-packed few weeks between now and Easter! There are one or two slight changes with regards the adults supporting Yr1 as Mrs Mayor now works in other classes around school. Myself and Mrs Snowden are still here and now on a Friday, Mrs Wilkinson is in Yr1. She has enjoyed getting to know all of your children. I look forward to seeing you all later this month at our Parents Evenings! Mr Atkinson

### OTHER CURRICULUM SUBJECTS:

Science - Plants - Identification and Observation  
DT - Food - Making a fruit kebab / Mechanisms - Pop-ups & Levers  
French - Colours and Numbers  
Computing - Maze Explorers / Spreadsheets  
Hist. - Great Fire of London: Factors that helped cause the fire!  
PE - FMS (Fundamental Movement Skills) and Gymnastics  
Music - Music Explorers and BBC 10 Pieces - Stravinsky: Firebird  
PSHE - Digital Resilience / 'My Happy Mind' - Appreciate  
RE - Judaism: Why might some people put their trust in God?



### How you can help at home:

- Attendance - excellent attendance at school is essential for the children to be successful in their learning.
- Reading - 'little and often' at home will really help the children make good progress throughout the year.
- Communication - please make myself (or one of the other adults working with your child) aware of any events which may impact on your child's well-being in school.
- Home Learning - Our Homework books support our learning in school - please support your child with the tasks and activities they are given each week ... many thanks in advance!!

### INFORMATION, DATES & REMINDERS:

Homework book - **Fridays**

Library books - **Tuesdays**

Reading Folders - **Everyday**

Website - Follow the link to our class page on the school website:  
<https://www.clifton-pri.lancs.sch.uk/year-1>

PE Days - **Wednesdays and Fridays**

World Book Day: 7<sup>th</sup> March  
Science Wk: 10<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> March  
Parents Evenings: 18<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> March

Term ends: Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April