

Week beginning

20/03/2023

Year 1 Newsletter



STAR moments

GOLDEN LUNCH

Every week a child from each class will be chosen to have lunch with the Headteacher for their outstanding work.

1R: Rares
1T: Bozhidar
1B: Amber

This term we will be thinking about **happiness** and how a **growth mindset** can help us to see challenges as learning opportunities, and that failure is an opportunity for development. Please spend time talking to child about developing a growth mindset.

This week Happy Leaves go to :

1R: Antonina
1T: Bozhidar
1B: Ayyub



Well done children, keep up the hard work!

Our Learning

Our school theme this term:
Express yourself

English:

As readers, we will be continuing our phonics journey using our Read Write Inc books. Children will be learning new sounds and we will practice reading and writing everyday. Please remember to practise your mock phonics screening check tests and watch Ruth Miskin videos everyday.

Maths No Problem:

As mathematicians, we will start learning about fractions. We will be identifying shapes that have been split into two equal parts. We will be sharing and grouping objects into halves and quarters, and determining half of a number and a quarter of a number.

Science:

As scientists, we will be detectives this week to find clues to prove it is Spring. How do we know it is Spring? What changes have we noticed since Winter? What do we notice about the trees or about any animals we usually see in the playground?

Computing:

We will be exploring programming and algorithms through Beebots. We will think about the best algorithm we could input to move them around the maps we made last week!

Geography: As geographers, we will be looking at all geographical similarities and differences between England and Russia.

Art: As artists, we will be using colours, shapes and stencils to express an emotion in watercolours in the style of Wassily Kandinsky.

Religious Education: As theologians, we will be explaining what is special about belonging by creating a card and show what is important about belonging to a Christian family.

RSHE: Our school topic is achievement and happiness. We will be helping others achieve a goal. We will learn about Austin's Butterfly, and apply it to Coach our partners to share advice in achieving goals.

P.E and Music is scheduled for Monday afternoon. So, remember to come dressed in your correct PE kit. If you are unsure, check the uniform policy on Star's newly designed website or ask your teacher. Every Friday Morning from 7.50 to 8am all year 1 parents are invited to come and read with their child in the classrooms to help nurture a love for reading!

Don't forget...

Bring back your Phonics wallet every week!

- **Complete your weekly phonics homework task** by underlining the **special friends sounds** at home. Bring this back each week to get marked and get extra house points!
- **Read everyday for 10 minutes.** We will be giving out three reading books; an Oxford book, a decodable RWI book and a read for pleasure book. We highly encourage all children to read at home everyday with a comment written in their reading diaries.
- All children must come to school wearing Fit Friday t-shirts and trainers each Friday.
- **Bug Club and Mathletics** please ensure your child accesses these apps for 5 or 10 minutes each day. On a Friday, each class will announce their Bug Club and Mathletics champions.



Over to you...Home learning

The teachers will continuously be providing online opportunities for reading, phonics and maths. We are checking who is logging on every week!

Pupils must:

- Log on and use **BUG CLUB** daily
(please also read and share any extra books you have at home)
- Log on and use **MATHLETICS** daily
- Play and complete any additional material/videos sent you via the google classroom. **Phonics session videos** will be sent regularly.
- Extra RWI phonics -
<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/reading-schemes-oxford-levels/read-write-inc-phonics-guide/>

Mathletics



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