

Year 1 Spring Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year.

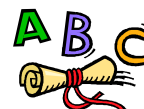
We are generally very pleased with the way the children have settled into their classes and we feel that the transition between Foundation and Year 1 has been smooth. As the children grow in confidence, we will be encouraging them to work more independently.



Our topic work for the first part of the term will include a workshop exploring toys from the past and a visit to Denny Abbey. This will help the children to understand how our toys and homes are different from those of the past. At Denny Abbey Museum the children experience an old-fashioned washday, house and shop. Later in the term we will study the local area. This will include exploring the village and visiting the church.

In our science lessons we will be experimenting with forces and exploring pushes and pulls. We will explore the forces seen at the local playground and design a make a playground in our DT lessons.

The children have made lots of progress in their writing so far this year and they are always working to improve their phonic knowledge, sentence structure and handwriting. This term in our Literacy lessons we will be exploring stories with patterned language and writing additional lines and verses. We will also be retelling traditional tales and fairy tales. When we visit Denny Abbey we write a recount of the day. Towards the end of the term we will be investigating information texts and making a class book about the village.



In Maths this term we will be comparing the weights of objects and practicing using a balance. We will be sorting 2-d and 3-d shapes by the number of sides, edges and faces they have. Our work involving numbers will include counting on and back in ones, twos and tens, recognising doubles, partitioning numbers into tens and ones, investigating addition pairs up to 10 and ordinal numbers.

We are going to be working with money to include adding coins and giving change. Using real coins with your child at home would be beneficial. To make lessons exciting for Year 1 we try to put Maths into real life situations and investigations.



This term we will be using the digital camera and the keyboard to make labels for artifacts. We will be researching homes and use a data-handling package to display our findings. We will also use a programmable floor robot, focusing on position and direction.

Our indoor PE lessons are going to be jumping and landing in gymnastics. Our outdoor lessons will be football skills and throwing and catching.



We will be singing and playing percussion instruments during our Feel the Pulse music topic.

Thank you for your support returning book bags on the correct days and ensuring PE kits are in school. If there is anything that you would like to discuss with us, please let us know.

Regards,

Mrs A Lycett and Miss K Walton