



# Spring term in Year 1

Pineapple Class - Apricot Class



We have made a great start to our Spring term learning since coming back from the Christmas holidays. The children are ready to learn and demonstrating how much they have remembered from the Autumn term.

As always, please contact us via Class Dojo or at the classroom door with any questions and we will do our best to help.

## PE

Our PE days are as follows:

Pineapple Class: Thursday and Friday

Apricot Class: Monday and Friday

Please ensure children have black tracksuit bottoms in their PE kits as we regularly go outside for PE lessons. Hair **must** be tied back and earrings **must** be removed to ensure the safety of your child. We will regularly send PE kits home for a wash, but please ensure these are sent back on a Monday as occasionally we change our PE days based on the weather.

## Snack

Year 1 children still receive a free piece of fruit as a snack which they have during their morning break. Therefore, there is no need to send any additional snacks.

## Reading at home

Children will continue to bring home a school reading book with their reading diary. Please continue to read daily and write this in the yellow reading diary for us to count towards RED TED. It is good practice for children to read the same book more than once to develop fluency. Children need to be mostly fluent when reading, for their book to be at the correct level. This means reading most words by sight, and only sounding out those that are unfamiliar. In the Summer term, children will be required to complete a reading test (used for internal purposes only) which will test their comprehension. Therefore, it is important that you ask children questions about the text whilst they are reading.

## Home learning book

Children have recently brought home a red home learning book. This is for the spelling words to be practised each week. Please use a page of the book to practise the spellings. If your child got all the words correct, they could write some sentences containing the spelling words. These must be returned by the following Friday so we can stick the next words in.

## English

We are continuing our work on writing simple sentences with the correct punctuation. We are immersing the children in a range of texts and other media to influence our writing. We will also be writing about our own experiences or interests. There will be a big focus on handwriting, grammar and spelling this term.

## Maths

Our maths this term starts with place value where we focus on numbers to 20 and 50. We will be learning a range of methods to help add and subtract using numbers up to 20. We will then investigate length, height, mass and volume through a range of practical activities.

## Topic

Our main topic this term is called 'Bright Lights, Big City'. In this topic, we will learn about the countries and capital cities of the UK, The Great Fire of London and Kuala Lumpur. Our companion projects this term are:

- Taxi- Children learn about wheels, axles and chassis and how these work together to make a vehicle move.
- Seasonal changes- Children will learn about the seasons and seasonal changes. We will learn about measuring the weather and recognise that day lengths change throughout the year.
- Rain and sunrays- Children learn about Collograph printing and experiment with making their own printing block.

## Other

- **Please ensure all uniform is named so it can be returned easily if misplaced**
- Please ensure children come to school with a water bottle containing water
- Please ensure children bring a coat every day as the weather can be unpredictable
- Please inform class teachers (or phone the school office) if your child is being collected by somebody different. If we do not know that someone else is collecting, sending your child home may be delayed whilst we contact a named parent/carer to check.

**Thank you for your continued support**

**Year 1 team**