

# Year 1 Newsletter 28.03.25



We have had such a busy fortnight and the children have shown so much enthusiasm for all areas of the curriculum! It has been lovely to take more of our learning outdoors and to feel a little warmth in the sunshine! We have been learning some spring songs ready for our spring assembly and we are sure that you will love them as much as we do.

## Raised Beds



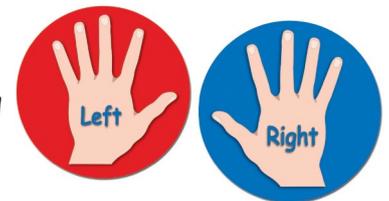
We have been tending to our raised bed and are getting excited to see the seeds we have planted begin to grow. The children have been going out in small groups to make sure the seeds we have planted are well-watered and there are no weeds growing. We have also planted some seeds indoors and will add them to our raised bed when they are ready. We have lots of green fingers in year 1!

## Curriculum

Over the past couple of weeks, our English work has focused on non-fiction information texts. We have already looked at a model text about tigers and completed lots of written work focusing on our key skills of finger spaces, capital letters and full stops or question marks. We then innovated this text to write an information text on parrots. This week we applied everything we have learned to plan and write our own information text about camels or meerkats - the children chose which one. We were so impressed with the writing the children produced and we are sure they will enjoy telling you some of the weird and wonderful facts that they included in their work!



In maths, we practised using our right and left, clockwise and anti-clockwise turns. We made wristbands to help us with our left and right and enjoyed completing an obstacle course on the MUGA to apply our skills. We also played Simon Says. Can your child tell you their left from their right?



In computing, we practised logging on to the Purple Mash App independently. We are getting much better at this! We then used the tools to begin creating digital art. We used lines, shapes, different brush strokes and flood fill to create a picture of a house and we also learnt how to create lines of symmetry.

In PE, we have enjoyed our gymnastics sessions with Gail. We have used the equipment to practise and develop our core strength, control and flexibility. In our other unit of PE 'run, jump, throw' we have developed our speed and agility. We had so much fun this week playing a game of dodgeball! We had to use all of our skills to try and dodge the ball so we weren't caught!

### **Lip Balm**

We understand that some children can suffer with chapped lips and therefore need to apply lip balm regularly. Can we please ask that children only bring lip balm into school if it is needed and that it is small enough to fit into their coat pocket or bookbag. It must also be clearly labelled with their name (using a Sharpie pen or similar). They will be allowed to apply it before or after breaktimes. Some lip balms that resemble a toy are a distraction, so we ask that these are kept at home. Please ensure your child is very clear that they must not, under any circumstance, share their lip balm with anyone else. We appreciate your support with this.

### **Dates for your Diary**

Centre for Life Trip—Monday 7th April

Year 1 Spring Assembly—Tuesday 8th April 9:15am (max 2 adults per family).

Southridge Fun Run—Thursday 10th April

Last day of term—Friday 11th April

First day of summer term—Monday 28th April

Phonics screener information meeting for parents—Tuesday 29th April 5pm