



Jessie Younghusband School

Year 1 – Spring Term – Curriculum Letter 2016

Welcome to our curriculum letter within which you will find useful information relating to the Spring Term in Year 1.

Reminders:

- Please can P.E. kit be in school all week from Monday morning. It will be sent home every half term. Please make sure that it is all named – written labels can fade in the wash.
- Homework is set on Thursday to be returned by the following Tuesday, generally. There is a box within the classroom for the homework books to go into. Please ensure your child put their homework book into the box as if books stay in book bags it takes up valuable time searching for them and following homework may be delayed or missed.
- As from this term, every Monday the children will bring home spellings; these are tested on Friday.
- Regular reading is essential, daily if possible. As well as the school's reading scheme books children might enjoy their own books, magazines/comics, and library books. Please try and leave a comment in your child's reading record book so that we are confident the book has been read at home before we change it. It is always nice to hear your comments on how you think your child is doing with their reading, even if it is just to say well done for good reading.



Last term:

The autumn term was an important term for the children settling into Year 1, getting used to different routines and learning styles. Now that the children have settled in, **please encourage your child to come into the classroom independently**. Most feel a real sense of achievement and maturity when they can do this by themselves and this makes the corridor less crowded for the Reception class parents that need to still bring their children in. Unless urgent, messages can be given in a quick note or the end of the day is the most convenient time to catch me.

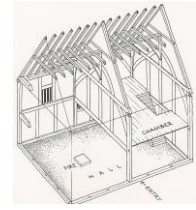
Thank you for all you have done to enable the children to settle so well, for supporting us with homework, reading, trips and resources. Your time and efforts are greatly appreciated and they do enhance the children's experiences and learning.

You will be receiving your child's autumn term topic book "The wonder of Me". The children have worked so hard and I am sure you will agree that they look stunning. Please spend some time over the weekend looking at it with your child, enjoying and reflecting on their work, and talking about their memories. I hope you will have time to record some of your comments on the topic evaluation sheet at the back of the book to feedback your thoughts on your child's achievements. **Please return the topic book after the weekend so that we can keep it as evidence in school of work completed during the autumn term.**

This term:

This term promises to be just as exciting and fun! Our focus is on Materials and Houses and Homes and we will find out about them in our science, literacy, maths, design and technology, and PSHCE work. The children learn particularly well when subjects link together.

- We will be sewing houses;
- Experimenting with the properties of different materials;
- Exploring a variety of unusual homes such as castles;
- Designing and making our own houses.

**Ideas for supporting your child's learning:**

- Look at buildings you see together, and talk about the materials used in their construction;
- Notice our environment, how busy the streets are, how safe it is, how useful pedestrian precincts are etc...
- Do some simple cooking with your child, so they can see you using recipes, and see what happens when ingredients are cooked.