



Jessie Younghusband School

Year 1 – Curriculum Letter – Spring Term

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.
- Home Learning is set on a Thursday to be returned by the following Tuesday, generally. There is a box within the classroom for the books to go into. Please ensure your child puts their book into the box as if books stay in book bags it takes up valuable time searching for them and the following home learning may be delayed or missed.
- 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:

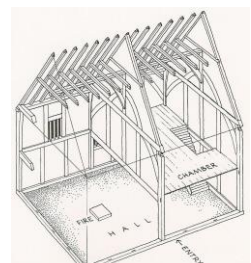
The autumn term was an important term for the children settling into Year 1, getting used to different routines and learning styles. Thank you for all you have done to enable the children to settle so well, for supporting us with home learning, reading, trips and resources. Your time and efforts are 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 by Monday 22nd January 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 PSHE work. The children learn particularly well when subjects link together. We will be:

- Experimenting with the properties of different materials;
- Designing and making our own mouse houses (children will need to bring in a small shoe box nearer the time);
- Exploring a variety of unusual homes such as castles;



- Having a visit from Paul Ullson as part of our work on castles – please collect small boxes to bring in on the day (1st February) that we can use to build our own castle with.

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.

Best wishes for a very happy 2018.

Mrs Ellis