



Year 1 Newsletter



As-salamu alaykum (Peace Be Upon You)

Welcome back to another term packed with exciting learning! The children started the year well and it was lovely seeing all of our parents/carers for Parents Evening before the break. Now that it is January, we are that step closer to the Year 1 Phonics screening check, which will take place in June. We want to encourage the children to focus as much as possible on their reading and we would appreciate all of your support from home!



Phonics

As mentioned above, phonics is a high priority this term. We encourage children to read for at least 15 minutes everyday after school. You can also use these free web-sites to help with phonics learning at home:

- ⇒ www.phonicsplay.co.uk
- ⇒ www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/alphablocks (Alphablocks videos are available for free on Youtube).



Please also make reference to Phonics when supporting your child with their homework, encouraging them to apply their sounds to their reading and writing.

PE days

Class Name	Ibn Thabit	Ibn Salamah	Bint Qays
Day	Monday	Thursday	Tuesday



We are still finding that some children are coming to school in their P.E kits on the day of their P.E lesson. Children must come to school in full school uniform and change into their P.E kits on their P.E day during school hours. P.E kits are kept in school and will be sent home at half term.

Important Dates

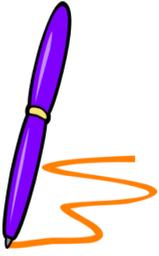
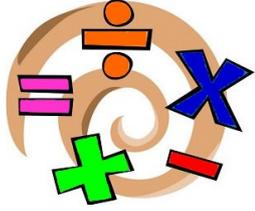
15.02.19— Last Day of Half-Term
 7.03.19- World Book Day
 14.03.19— Book Fair
 05.04.19— End of Spring Term

Water Bottles

Please remember to send a water bottle to school with your child, so that they can remain hydrated at all times.



Here is an overview of the units this term.

	Spring Term	
Maths 	Number, and number system Mental calculations Additions and subtractions Money Shape Length Weight & Capacity Data Fractions 	
English	Recounts Poetry Play scripts	Traditional and Fairy Tales Information Texts
Science	Pushes and Pulls	Everyday Materials
History/ Geography	History Toys	Geography British Isles
ICT	We are Treasure Hunters- Programmable Toys	We are Collectors—Web
RE	What Does it Mean to Live with Family and Friends?	
ART	Homes DT	Printmaking Art
Music	Machines & Our School	Story Time & Number
PE	Expressive Movement	Games
PSHCE	Living Long, Living Strong	Daring to be Different

Punctuality and Attendance

It is important that your child arrives on time everyday to school to ensure that they have a good start to the day. If your child is absent from school, please provide a letter stating the reason for absence on their return.



Homework

We are very grateful for the invaluable support you give your child. Please discuss with your child the work they have done at school as the term progresses. Please support your child with talk topics by encouraging them to carry out research and ask them to speak in full sentences where possible. Quiz them with maths questions as they love the challenge! E.g. Can you tell me what is 1 more/less than 20? Please ensure that your child reads for at least 15 minutes a day. Homework will be set on Thursday of each week and will need to be completed and returned by Wednesday the following week. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to any of the Year 1 team.

Kind regards,

The Year 1 team.