



Welcome back to the second half of spring term! We hope that you have had a restful half term break and are ready for all the exciting and challenging opportunities this term will offer! This half term the children will be focusing their learning on their topic 'Toys from the Past'. This will help to develop their historical skills. This year as part of our KS1 phase we have two classes; Elm (Y1) and Oak (Y2). If you have any questions about your child's learning or any other aspect of life in Key Stage 1, please do not hesitate to come and see one of the team before or after school. Thank you for your support and co-operation.

Spring 2 2019 - This half term KS1 (Y1 & Y2) will be learning about the following topics:

English	We will start the term by finding out about Toys from the Past. We will be writing riddles, diary entries in role and writing narratives inspired by 'Lost in the Toy Museum' by David Lucas. We will be practising using punctuation (? ! ,) accurately in our writing. We will be revising the different spelling patterns for the long vowel phonemes and using conjunction (and/because/but/or/if/when/that) to extend sentences. We will continue the term by looking at 'Me and You' by Anthony Browne and writing our own sequels. Grammar will be embedded within these literacy sessions.
Reading Records	The children will bring home a book from the book corner twice a week. Please read and discuss the book with your child. Parents must record in the reading records every time they read at home. Please note that children are required to have their book bag with their reading record inside every day. The reading books for Elm and Oak will be changed every Monday and Friday.
Phonics	Phonics will be taught every day and this will be consolidated in Literacy and weekly spellings. Spellings will be sent home every Friday and tested the following week. We will focus on the Year 1/2 spelling rules and patterns.
Maths	We will be looking at capacity and mass, as well as exploring different strategies for multiplication and division. We will also learn about time and solve problems focusing on developing our reasoning skills. Every Friday, during lunchtime, the children have the opportunity to be tested on their times tables and receive badges based on the times tables that they can quickly recall in any order. Please encourage your child to learn their 2, 5 and 10 times tables.
Science	Our topic this half term is Plants. We will be finding out what plants need to survive and how plants grow. We will also practise identifying plants in the school environment using simple flow charts. We will be growing our own bean plants and observing how they develop closely. Additionally, Science Week is scheduled the week beginning 18 th March. The theme this year is 'Journeys' and children will be taking part in lots of exciting activities.
Computing	The children will be making movies using the iMovie app linked to their science topic of Plants.
Topic	This half term we will be learning about Toys from the Past. We'll look at time lines and find out how toys have evolved over time. We'll look at popular toys from different decades and compare the similarities and differences between modern day and Victorian toys.
Art / Design & Technology	We will be making our own moving toys which we will exhibit in our Toy Museum!
P.E.	Elm and Oak will continue to have PE on a Thursday with the coaches. Please ensure that your child/children have the following kit for PE: Black tracksuit bottoms or shorts, a white t-shirt or top and black trainers or plimsolls. Our focus this term will be gymnastics. The key skills the children will focus on are: devise, repeat and perform a short sequence in which there is a clear beginning, middle and end, adapt the sequence to include apparatus or a partner and use different combinations of floor, mats and apparatus, showing control, accuracy and fluency.
Music	Elm and Oak class will be taught by a specialist music teacher every Thursday. Children are encouraged to bring their own recorders to these sessions. Singing assembly will continue to take place every Tuesday mornings.
R.E.	This term our topic will be: How do we know Easter is coming? We will be considering: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What does the Bible tell us about Easter? • What happens on Ash Wednesday?

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P.S.H.E. & Citizenship	Our focus this half term will be 'Healthy Me'.
Homework	Each Friday your child will be set weekly literacy and numeracy tasks. These must be returned the following Tuesday. Children in Year 2 should learn their times tables (2, 5 and 10) , which will be tested on a regular basis. Children can practice using Timestable Rockstars, for which they have their own login. Additional maths homework will be assigned on the Mathletics website, for which each child also has their own username and password. Children should also learn spellings which will be sent home every week and tested the following week.
Key dates	<p>Monday 4th March - Book Week begins. Author Trish Cooke will be delivering workshops for KS1</p> <p>Tuesday 5th March – Year 2 will be going to Pizza Express in Dulwich Village for a pizza making workshop!</p> <p>Wednesday 6th March – Year 2 parents are invited to have school lunch at 12:10pm</p> <p>Thursday 7th March - World Book Day! Come dressed as your favourite character.</p> <p>Friday 8th March - Book swap - Bring a book, take a book!</p> <p>Wednesday 13th March – Year 2 visit to the Museum of Childhood</p> <p>Friday 15th March – Oak's Class Assembly at 9:20am. All parents and carers welcome!</p> <p>Friday 15th March – Red Nose Day</p> <p>Monday 18th March – Science Week begins</p> <p>Tuesday 19th March – Parent teacher consultation meetings to share pupil targets and progress 3:45pm – 7:00pm</p> <p>Wednesday 20th March - Parent teacher consultation meetings to share pupil targets and progress 3:45pm – 6:00pm</p> <p>Thursday 21st March – Elm's Class Assembly at 9:20am. All parents and carers welcome!</p> <p>Friday 22nd March – Space Exploration workshop</p> <p>Monday 25th March – Easter bonnets / gardens to be brought to school</p> <p>Tuesday 26th - KS1 Spring Music Concert for parents and carers at 1:45pm</p> <p>Friday 29th March - Easter cakes fundraising sale at 3:40pm</p> <p>Monday 1st April - There are no Enrichment Clubs this week.</p> <p>Tuesday 2nd April - Year 1 will be going to Pizza Express in Dulwich Village for a pizza making workshop</p> <p>Friday 5th April – Maths Workshop for parents at 9:25am.</p> <p>Friday 5th April – Last day of term. School closes at 2:00pm. There is no After School Club.</p> <p>8th - 22nd April – Easter Holidays</p> <p>Tuesday 23rd April – Inset Day</p> <p>Wednesday 24th April – Summer term begins</p> <p>We will continue to hold Reading Together sessions every Friday morning from 9:00—9:20am. Please do try and attend.</p>

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to come and see the KS1 team. Thank you for your support and co-operation.

KS1 Team

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