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Classroom News

Avondale
Primary School



Spring 1

Happy New Year!

We hope that you have had a lovely Christmas break. May we take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and Christmas wishes. We look forward to watching your children's independence and learning continue to blossom and grow in Year 1.

Dates for your Diary

22.01.26 – Class 1S Assembly (2:45–3:15pm)

12.02.26 – Parents' Evening 1:30pm finish

13.02.26 – School closes for half term

23.02.26 – Back to school

24.03.26 – Whole School Theatre Production – Jungle Book

27.03.26 – School closes for Easter break

Friendly Reminders

Please ensure that your child has their reading book in school everyday.

Reading is the main priority for homework. Please ensure that your child reads at least 5 times a week and that their reading record is signed each time. Please ensure you are practising the books in short bursts regularly to ensure they sound fluent. We are really emphasising this skill in Guided Reading and are trying to make our reading “sound good.”

P.E days this half term are Thursday and Friday. Please ensure that your child has their FULL PE kit in school at ALL times and that they remove any jewellery on those days.



What we are studying

Reading

This half term, we will be looking at both fiction and non-fiction texts that link with our topic learning. We are developing our skills in fluency and trying to make our reading as interesting as possible. It is important that all children bring their reading book in to school on a daily basis. The children will get the opportunity to change their library books weekly.

English

In English, we are focusing on handwriting and writing skills. We want to perfect simple sentence structures using Colourful Semantics to support our knowledge of what a sentence should include. Much of our writing will be based around our class texts such as 'George and the Dragon' and 'Katie in London'.

Maths

In Maths, we will continue to embed our addition and subtraction knowledge. We will be looking at numbers to 20 including addition, subtraction and number bonds. We will be continuing to learn our x10 and x5 times tables.



Foundation Subjects

This half term, our topic is 'Bright Lights, Big City'. In Geography we will look at the difference between the countryside and towns/cities. We will also look at landmarks of the UK and from our capital city of London. In Science, we will be learning all about different types of animals. In D.T, we will be tasting a range of dips and making and evaluating our own dips. Our PSHE topic will be Dreams and Goals and our P.E units are gymnastics and target games.

We can't wait to jump right into our new topic and learn lots of new things!