

Spring Term 2017

# Watling Street School

## Year 1 Newsletter

**Welcome to the Spring Term in Year 1.**

**This term we will be learning all about:**

### Mathematics

We will be learning addition and subtraction, including adding and subtracting money. We will be looking at 2D and 3D shapes and will learn the difference in orientation and position of these shapes. We will be expanding our knowledge of 2,5 and 10 times tables and looking at sharing into these amounts. We will also be comparing weights of objects using a balance then weighing using scales. Finally we will look at time, including the days of the week.

### English

We will be studying fiction, poetry, and non-fiction texts. Key aspects of this term will be extending the children's writing, using adjectives, verbs and more difficult punctuation.

RML will be taught on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Each Wednesday your child may bring home an RML book to share with you. Please return these books on the following Monday.

### Computing

We will be using the Ipads to video ourselves explaining a recipe, we will also be using drawing programmes to illustrate a story then use audio equipment to the story.

### Science

Our first science topic is 'plants'. During this topic we will be looking at different types of plants and trees and exploring the parts of each. We will create a herbarium as a class and use our knowledge to create a plant identification kit.

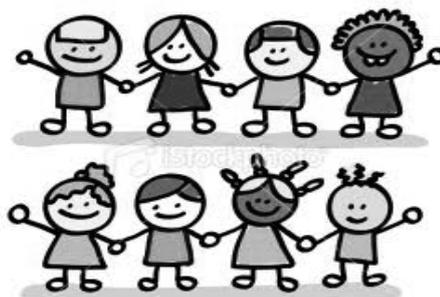
'Our second topic is 'Materials'. During this topic we will be comparing materials, exploring soft materials, sorting materials, exploring slime, seeing which objects float and sink and which are transparent

### RE

In RE we will be learning about how to say thank you for the Earth, this topic covers creation stories and how we would look after the Earth. We will also start another topic called the power to make a difference, this topic covers the power each person has and how our religion or faith can make our power stronger.

### Cornerstones

Our topics this term are Paws, Claws and Whiskers and Splendid Skies. We are looking at the habitats and eating habits of different animals and the responsibilities that come with looking after an animal. We will also look at weather patterns, aerial images, cloud structure, wind speed, artists and art work linked to this topic.



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Music

We are very lucky to have an expert music teacher this year called Mr Herman who will be teaching the children how to play the keyboard and various other instruments.

PE

In PE we will be improving our gymnastic skills. We will use our bodies and simple apparatus to make shapes and move in a variety of ways. We will create sequences of movement and work with partners to improve our skills. We will be using our bodies to make simple dances and using the music to change our style and speed of dancing.

MFL

We are going to be learning how to say different colours in French!



Important information for Year 1

Reading

Please continue to help your child to read their reading books at home. When they have completed each book please sign the reading record and return it to school. Your child should have their reading book in school every day.

Homework

Spellings will still be tested on a Wednesday each week and new spellings will be sent out on a Friday.

Homework is set on purple mash for the next half term, covering various subject please encourage your child to have go at completing these tasks.

PE

PE takes place on Mondays and Thursdays. The children should have a full PE kit in school. They should not wear any jewellery and earrings must be removed before they come to school. Children with long hair should have their hair tied up, especially on PE days. Please ensure your child also has an outdoor kit in school.