



Welcome back Year 1!

Year 1: Miss Sparkes

Summer Term 2016

Welcome back to all of the parents and children of Year 1! I hope that you all had a relaxing holiday and are ready for another exciting term.

At the heart of our learning this term:

- **Holidays and Holydays**

Where we will explore why holidays are special to us and consider the importance of Holydays in the church calendar.

- **Being Sorry**

Where we will be learning to make good choices regarding looking after our world and how we treat God's creatures.

- **Neighbours**

Where we will question 'who is our neighbour?' and think about our neighbours around the world, including all of the animals and insects.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Key Stage 1 Disco:** 18th May
- **Key Stage 1 Sports Day:** 19th May 2pm
- **Year 1 Class Assembly:** 19th May
- **INSET Day:** 1st June
- **School Reports:** 15th July
- **End of Year Mass:** 18th July



The Circle of Life

Our overall theme this term is called **Circle of Life!** We will transform ourselves into living thing detectives as we explore the world around us for signs of life.

We will use our scientific investigation skills to find out which plants and animals live in our school grounds and compare this to the plants and animals found in Glapton Woods. We will measure the flowers growing around us and compare the heights of specific plants growing in different locations of our school.

Whilst continuing our exploration of the woods, we will find out how Glapton Woods provides a different habitat to the many plants and animals that live there.

Our artistic skills will be developed as we use mother nature to inspire us to be creative in the great outdoors. We will spend a day in the idyllic setting of at Glapton Woods creating pieces of work using a range of different media.

We will use our design and technology skills to create our own mini-beast shelters.

Once we have returned to our classroom we will create our own music to replicate the sounds we heard in the woods. The children will work together to compose their own masterpieces.

We will read stories about animals and habitats as well as conducting our own research using non-fiction books. We will then write our own stories inspired by the animals living in the woods or world around us.

Our history learning will focus on the artists Matisse and Van Gogh who were inspired by the world around them. We will read and create biographies based on their lives.

We will also be busy exploring our school grounds this term. We will design our own maps and plans showing where the human and physical features of our site are.

Our positional and directional knowledge will be put to further use as we continue to use coding to solve problems in the computing lab.

Year 1 will need to show off a range of skills and determination as we prepare for Sports Day. PE lessons will focus on athletics outside this term.

Finally, Year 1 will need to use their mathematical problem solving skills when measuring, creating patterns and sequences and solving garden related problems.

What a busy term!

PE:

PE sessions will take place on **Wednesday** and **Friday**. PE sessions will focus on athletics. Children **must** have the correct PE kit in school.:

Plain white t-shirt
Black shorts
Plimsoles or trainers



Earrings:

Due to health and safety reasons, children are only permitted to wear one pair of **stud** earrings. Earrings must be removed before all PE sessions. Please remove them before school if your child is not able to do this independently.

Reading:

We have been excited by the new arrival of lots of new books this term. Reading raffle tickets are flying out of our classroom as the children are proving to be bookworms. The children are keen to earn more raffle tickets so leave a note in the reading records and every time they read, tickets will be awarded.



Handwriting:

Year 1 are working hard to improve their handwriting. It is important that all children form all of their letters correctly. The handwriting trophy is awarded to children who are trying hard to improve their handwriting. Please practice this at home.



And finally...If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to speak to me.

I am looking forward to this busy and exciting term ahead!

Miss Sparkes

