



Rowley Park
Primary Academy

Spring Term – Year 1

Teacher's Message

It has been wonderful to have our Year ones back, eager to learn after a lovely Christmas break! Miss Cain and Miss Street-Mason have welcomed the children back, also joined this week by Mrs Simcox, the new Teaching Assistant to Year One. We said goodbye and good luck to Miss Cash just before Christmas. The pupils will be having an exciting term and have began by writing letters to a local farmer to ask him lots of questions before our visit to Lower Drayton farm.

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Our new challenge pack is called 'Really Rural, Utterly Urban' and focusses on Geographical features of the world around us. We will be learning the difference between rural areas and urban areas, visiting Lower Drayton Farm for a trip to the countryside and we will also be going on a local walk! Our challenge outcome will focus on making a locally sourced traditional breakfast.

English

We have started the term with some non-fiction, writing our letters to a local farmer, looking at which features to include. We will be reading and writing using stories such as 'Farmer Duck' and the 'Enormous Turnip' as inspiration before having a look at some poetry. Our sentences are looking fab as we have been working on our handwriting!

Maths

We started off the term with a look at 3D and 2D shapes, consolidating our understanding of all the different features. We continue to use concrete, pictorial and abstract concepts to develop our counting beyond 10. We will be strengthening our understanding of place value in the coming weeks and improving our recall – particularly on our number bonds.

P.E

This term Year 1 have PE on **Monday** and **Forest School** on **Thursday**.

Children must bring their PE kit in a separate bag to change into. Please label everything clearly and ensure that earrings are removed on PE days. Please ensure children bring warm, waterproof clothes and wellies for Forest School.

Dates

Year 1 Trip:

Tuesday 23rd January

Visit to the Library

Wednesday 24th January

Half term:

9th February – 16th February

School reopens on 19th February

Parents' Evening: 20th March

Term Ends:

Friday 22nd March for Easter
School will reopen for the summer term on Monday 8th April.

We are Reading....



Homework

All passwords will be stuck in homework and reading diaries.

My maths

We will continue to set tasks on MyMaths weekly or in preparation for the following week. These will be reviewed by teachers online.

Reading

Please continue to bring reading books into school - these will be checked and changed as regularly as possible by staff with additional reading taking place in school.

Spelling

Spelling tests will now be completed weekly, please continue to practise these with your children at home to support writing and phonics.

TT Rockstars & Spelling shed

Passwords are in the front of children's diaries, please encourage the children to visit the spelling shed and and TT rockstars. The online games are fantastic practice.