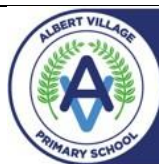


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Diamond Class Newsletter, Spring 2



Welcome to Diamond class in Spring Term 2. I hope you had an enjoyable and restful half term break. This term includes the days starting to get warmer and lighter as we put the clocks forward and officially enter the spring. This is also often the time of year when the children in Year 1 really begin to flourish – which is always a pleasure to see. I look forward to another fantastic half term ahead with you all!

Miss Armston

Keep in contact

We will continue to send out important messages via the **Arbor Parent App** – please make sure you have downloaded the app and enabled push notifications on your device. If you have a message that needs delivering urgently, please contact the school office.

Home learning

There is no formal homework in Year 1. However, we do expect children to:

- **Read regularly** each week (at least 3 times per week, but daily if possible), and record it in their reading diaries.
- **Practise the spellings** that are sent home every Friday (these are based on phonics sounds that we have covered so far in Year 1 and should act as revision. The sounds being tested should not be new learning to the children).
- **Numbots** – Please do use Numbots regularly (every week if possible) to focus on foundational addition and subtraction skills. You can access Numbots on the app or at numbots.com - the logins were provided at the beginning of the year. If you need these to be provided again, please do let me know.
- Now that they are getting older, we also encourage children to **practise simple life skills** such as tying their shoe-laces and zipping up their own coat.

Reminders

The school doors are open at 8:45am each morning. We do start learning immediately on getting into school, so please try to arrive as close to 8:45am as possible. Similarly, the school day ends at 3:15pm, so please try to be prompt for collection at the end of the day.

Please ensure that your child wears their full school uniform every day (**this includes long hair being properly tied back**), and that they wear PE kit on their PE days. They should wear either their school jumper, cardigan, or a plain black or navy hoodie over their PE

kits. On PE days, PE kits need to be worn to school, rather than being brought in a kit bag, as there is not an opportunity to get changed during the school day. **Please make sure ALL of their clothing and belongings are clearly named.**

Please send your child with a water bottle, reading pack and a coat every day.

The children in Key Stage 1 receive free fruit every day. As such, we do not allow them to bring their own snacks for break time. If your child would also like milk at break time, this will need to be signed up and paid for through the school's milk scheme.

Days and dates

Our class PE days are **Monday** and **Thursday** this half term.

Tuesday 25th and Thursday 27th February: Parents' Evenings

Thursday 6th March: World Book Day

Thursday 20th March: Author Visit

Friday 28th March: Mothers' and Others' Day Event

Our learning this half term

Phonics – We follow *Sounds Write* for our daily phonics lessons.

English – Non-fiction book study based on *The Cloud Book* by Tomie dePaola.

Maths – Place value within 50, then measurements: length & height, then mass & volume.

PE – 'Sending & Receiving' and 'Fitness'. One of these sessions will be led by a NWLSSP Coach and the other will be led by Miss Armston.

Science – Everyday Materials.

Art – Line.

Geography – Oceans & Seas.

RE – 'Who is Jewish and how do they live?' and 'What do Christians believe God is like?'

Computing – 'Data and information – Grouping data'

PSHE – 'Rights and Respect/Responsibility'. Support at home:

<https://www.coramlifeeducation.org.uk/family-scarf/scarf-at-home/rights-and-responsibilities>

We will also begin to explore some **music** using Charanga.