



# Class One Newsletter - Summer Term 2018



Welcome back everyone! I hope you all had a fabulous family Easter and are now enjoying the longer, and slightly warmer, days! A very warm welcome to Aimee and her family - we are delighted that you have joined us here at Fountains Earth!

As ever, we have an exciting and busy half term ahead. Later we will be learning all about the seaside, but we are starting by finding about the seasonal changes that spring brings. This will include plenty of art work, writing poems, and a class morning in Limley Woods; more details to follow soon! Our Music unit reflects our work on the seasons, and once again, everyone will have plenty of opportunity to play the percussion instruments and learn new songs. 😊

We are learning all about plants in Science. Everyone will have at least one seed and bulb to plant and eventually bring home, and we will work as a team to further develop our garden area. If you have any seeds, seedlings, spare flower pots, compost etc, or any gardening expertise to share, please do bring them into school as soon as possible. Everything will be very gratefully received. Thank you!

In RE we are discussing 'How do we show we care?' and in PSHCE we are learning all about our roles in school, both have a strong focus on developing speaking skills and vocabulary. We will also continue with daily phonics or spellings, and handwriting sessions. Please support handwriting at home by helping your child practise writing from the baseline; for further details, please take a look at the website <https://www.teachhandwriting.co.uk/>.

We will be outside for PE this term. Multi-skills games sessions will be on Friday afternoon and Athletics sessions will be another day of the week, depending on the weather. Please keep your child's outdoor PE kit at school all week, including tracksuit bottoms and trainers. We will be on the field as often as possible, so waterproof footwear is needed!

## Homework

It is expected that children read or share a book with an adult at home for 10 -15 minutes every evening whenever possible. This could be your child reading their school 'scheme' book to you, them reading something else of their choice, you sharing a bed time story together, or any other reading you can think of or your child wishes to do. Helping your child develop a love of books and a lifelong love of reading really is invaluable. Please record any reading you have done in your child's reading record. We try to change books every Monday, Wednesday and Friday but we need your signature to say the book is completed.

This half term the children will be set home learning tasks where appropriate, but please continue working regularly on Maths passports. This helps consolidate the work we do in school. Thank you. We do check passports regularly but children will only be 'signed off' when they can complete a task three times. Everyone loves completing a passport and receives their certificate and passport prize with great pride!



Of course, this term our Year 2 children will take their SATs in May. There are 3 subject areas - reading, maths and spelling, grammar and punctuation. I will hold a very informal meeting about this after school on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April for anyone who wishes to find out more. Please just let me know if you would like to attend.

Our Year 1 children will have 'Phonics Screening' (who thinks of these names?!) in June. This is when each child works 1-1 with me to read 40 real or pretend words which check their phonics ability. Again, please let me know if you would like to attend an informal information session which will be held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April at 3.30pm.

Luckily our lovely Reception children do not have any statutory assessment tasks to complete! 😊

Mrs Issitt will continue to teach the class every Tuesday afternoon and whenever Miss A is out of school.

If you would like to catch up with what we have been doing in class, please catch either of us on the playground before or after school for a chat, or come to our weekly Friday certificate assembly at 9.00 am. Please note that we are unable to speak with parents after this assembly as it is then the children's learning time.

If you would like any further information, or if you have any queries about your child's learning, please do not hesitate to speak with either of us.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Miss Aldridge and Mrs Issitt

