



# QUEENSMEAD PRIMARY ACADEMY

## YEAR 1 TERMLY NEWSLETTER: SPRING TERM 2022

### TIME TRAVELLERS!

#### HAPPY NEW YEAR!

It is great to see that all the children have settled back into class after the Christmas break and are excited about learning their new topic 'TIME TRAVELLERS'. During the Autumn term the children visited the Wonderdome in our school hall. It was very exciting and the children saw some wonderful video clips about space as well as learning lots about how Astronauts survive in space.

We would like to share with you some information about what your child will be learning over the Spring Term, as well as offering you opportunities to support your child's understanding of subjects studied. This newsletter will also help you to plan ahead by giving you key dates before they are printed in the Purple Post, such as class trips.

<p><b>HIGH EXPECTATIONS</b></p> <p>We expect a <b>high standard of behaviour from all children</b> which is monitored by all staff in the academy. The Behaviour Policy (which can be found on our website) explains the academy rules, rewards and sanctions in detail.</p> <p>Every week we have an online celebration assembly where achievements are shared and certificates are awarded (including Star of the Week).</p> <p>Unacceptable behaviour, both in and out of the classroom, will be dealt with firmly but fairly according to the academy's Behaviour Policy. You will be informed of any major incidences, or if your child's behaviour results in two or more detentions within a period of two weeks.</p>	<p><b>UNIFORM</b></p> <p><b>Uniform is the same for Years 1-3.</b> All pupils must wear correct uniform, including acceptable footwear. A letter will be sent home with pupils who have missing or incorrect uniform.</p> <p>Please refer to the Uniform Policy on our website for further information, including PE kit. Please label all uniform and P.E. kit with your child's name.</p> 	<p><b>START OF DAY ACTIVITY</b></p> <p><b>This term we are having a focus on handwriting between 8.45-9.00am.</b></p>  <p>During this time your child will have the opportunity to practise and improve their handwriting by writing words containing sounds they have learnt during their phonics sessions. We are learning to form each letter correctly and sit all letters on the lines. Children will also learn to form all capital letters and numbers correctly.</p> <p><b>ARRIVE ON TIME</b></p> <p>For the first 15 minutes of every day (after registration) the focus will be handwriting exercises and skills. If your child arrives late they will miss this vital part of the school day. Therefore, it is important that your child arrives on time (<b>by 8:55am</b>) every day.</p> 
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<b>YEAR 1 CURRICULUM</b>	<p><b>English</b> This term we will be focussing on non-fiction texts about Victorians. Children will be learning about the features of fiction and non-fiction texts. Children will be finding out about life of a Victorian school child, Victorian toys and looking at a Victorian home. We will also be learning about Queen Victoria and her family. We are hoping to visit Beaumanor Hall to experience a day in the life of a Victorian child.</p> <p>We will be doing lots of work on adjectives and conjunctions this half term so any work you can practise at home with your child would be great! Here are some ideas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Writing sentences about their day using lots of describing words.</li> <li>- Writing a recount to their teacher about something they have enjoyed doing at home or a place they have visited.</li> </ul> <p><b>Mathematics</b> We will be focusing on number bonds, addition and subtraction this term in Mathematics. We would be grateful if you could <b>practise counting in 2s, 5s and 10s forwards and backwards</b> with your child as often as possible.</p> <p><b>Theme</b> In the first part of the Spring Term our theme is 'Time Travellers'. This is a history themed focus where the children will first learn about their own lives. They will learn about the life of a Victorian child and compare it to their own. We are also doing lots of exciting writing in Theme this half term to practise the skills we have learnt in our English lessons.</p> <p>In the second half of the Spring Term our theme will be 'Street Detectives' where we focus on our local area. The children will be talking about their route to school and drawing a simple map. They will also locate the countries and seas on the U.K map.</p> <p><b>DT</b> In DT this half term we will be designing and making our very own moving pictures based on the local area. In Science we will be identifying and naming common materials in the local area and will be looking at weather associated with the seasons.</p> <p><b>Music</b> During the first half of the Spring Term we will be learning to use our voices to learn chants and songs as well as using percussion instruments to compose our own music.</p>	<b>PHYSICAL EDUCATION</b>	<p><b>Our PE days this term are Mini Grey - Monday (indoor) and Monday (outdoor). Eric Carle- Thursday (indoor) and Friday (outdoor).</b> PE is part of our academy curriculum and <b>we expect all children to bring a full PE kit to school</b> so that they can take part in their indoor and outdoor PE sessions. PE kit can be left on your child's peg in their classroom.</p> <p><b>All jewellery must be removed.</b> Earrings need to be removed on the day of PE or the child must be able to remove these themselves before the lesson. Please make sure your child has a warm hoody/top for outdoor PE, especially now the weather is very cold!</p>	<b>QUEENSMOOR QUESTS</b>	<p><b>LOOK OUT FOR QUEENSMOOR QUESTS – COMING SOON!</b> <b>Queensmoor Quests</b> will be given out once per half term with your child's homework book. The aim is to provide a range of challenges for your child to choose from. We would be grateful if you can support and encourage them. If your child experiences any difficulties with the homework, we encourage them to come and see their class teacher for more support.</p> <p>Your child will be given their pink homework book to complete the activities in or they can add photographs or pictures to this book to show us their amazing work from home!</p>
		<p>In year 1 we expect children to be <b>reading for at least 10 minutes daily</b>. It would be really beneficial if you could listen to your child read and discuss their book regularly to support their understanding.</p> <p>Your child's books will be changed once a week when they have read them at least twice at home with an adult. Please record any reading you do in your child's reading diary. This can be books from home too or magazines etc. Children will also be given the opportunity to bring home a 'Reading for pleasure' book each week.</p>	<b>READING</b>	<b>THANKYOU</b>	<p>Thank you from all of the year 1 team for all your hard work and support at home with your children.</p>