



Old Palace Year 1 Newsletter Spring 1

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Reading

Below are some useful links to support with phonics at home.

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/phonics/>
https://cdn.oxfordowl.co.uk/2016/05/05/20/22/32/561/20097_content/index.html?id=ae
<https://www.jollylearning.co.uk/resource-bank/learn-the-letter-sounds/>

Maths

Please see below the maths topics this half term:

1. **Numbers up to 20**- the children will be looking at addition and subtraction up to 20, as well as learning their number bonds to 20.
2. **Position and Direction**- linking to their topic, Year 1 will be using positional and directional language to describe how to get somewhere.
3. **Place Value to 50**- the children will look at numbers up to 50 and what they represent.

Useful Links:

<https://pbskids.org/peg/games/hungry-pirates/>
<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/helicopter-rescue>

English

Please see below the order of topics the children will be focusing on this half term:

1. **Adventure Stories**- During this unit, the children will be using the story '**The Pirates Next Door**', to help write their own story with a clear beginning, middle and end.
2. **Information texts**- The children will be learning all about different explorers. They will write an information text on Amelia Earhart and Neil Armstrong, as well as learning about Matthew Henson and Captain Scott.

Other Subjects

Art- Aboriginal Art

Music- Exploring Duration

Computing- My Story

History – Explorers

Geography- The continents & oceans, four compass points

RE- Who is a Christian and what do they believe in?

PE- Gymnastics and Hit, Catch and Run

PSHE- Dreams and Goals

Other Key dates

School Photo Day – Wednesday 31st January 2024

Internet Safety Day – Tuesday 6th February 2024

Trips

This half term year 1 will be learning about **Explorers**. To support them with their learning they will be visiting the Cutty Sark to take part in a workshop, finding out about adventures and understanding ship life.

Date: 10 Monday 29th January 2023

1W Thursday 1st February 2023

Cost of the trip: Free!

PE

The children need to bring in their PE bag each day when they have PE. Year 1 have PE on a **Tuesday and Thursday** please ensure they have the appropriate kit and footwear. Children will need to have trainers to take part in PE.

Vocabulary

Word of the day: here are the new vocabulary words we will be introducing to the children this half term. You may wish to practice these words at home!

Week 2	glacier	nightmare	unexpected	boulder
Week 3	channel	coastline	protective	in between
Week 4	astronomer	boasting	idyllic	under
Week 5	cannon	creaked	filthy	over

Winter Weather

As the weather has gone very cold, we ask that children please be sent in wearing warm jackets, hats and gloves, as they will need these for break times. Please also make sure that PE kits include long jogging bottoms and a sweatshirt or hoodie for children to wear during their outdoor PE sessions.

School Photographer

It is that time of year again, to take our annual school photos! The school photographer will be coming into school this term to take individual, class and sibling photos. School photos will be taking place on **Wednesday 31st January**.

Bringing things from home

Parents/Carers this is a polite reminder that children should not be bringing in anything additional from home, such as toys, activities and accessories. It can cause problems, particularly in the playground or be upsetting if a child loses their item.

If a child is seen with anything that shouldn't be in school and/or is causing a distraction, it will be taken off them and given to the parent/carer at the end of the day.



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