



QUEENSMEAD PRIMARY ACADEMY



YEAR 1 TERMLY NEWSLETTER: SPRING TERM 2024

SCHOOL DAYS! CARNIVAL OF THE ANIMALS!

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 topics 'SCHOOL DAYS' and 'CARNIVAL OF THE ANIMALS'.

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.

HIGH EXPECTATIONS	We expect a high standard of behaviour from all children 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.	UNIFORM		START OF DAY ACTIVITY)	This term we are having a focus on handwriting during this time. (8.45-9.00am)
	Every week we have an online celebration assembly where achievements are shared, and certificates are awarded (including Star of the Week based on our routes to resilience word of the week).				 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.
	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.			ARRIVE ON TIME	For the first 15 minutes of every day (after registration) the focus will be handwriting exercises and skills. We also promptly start our Little Wandle phonics and reading sessions at 9am. 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 (by 8:50am) every day. Doors open at 8.45am, School starts at 8.50am and the gates shut at 9am.

YEAR 1 CURRICULUM	English 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. Children will be writing animal riddles and looking at the story 'The Very Quiet Cricket.' 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Writing sentences about their day using lots of describing words. - Writing a recount to their teacher about something they have enjoyed doing at home or a place they have visited. Mathematics We will be focusing on place value within 50, addition and subtraction this term in Mathematics. We will also be looking at Measurement. We would be grateful if you could practise counting in 2s, 5s and 10s forwards and backwards with your child as often as possible.	PHYSICAL EDUCATION	PE is part of our academy curriculum, and we expect all children to bring/wear a full PE kit to school so that they can take part in their indoor and outdoor PE sessions. All jewellery must be removed. Earrings need to be removed on the day of PE or the child must be able to remove these themselves before the lesson.	QUEENSMead QUESTS	LOOK OUT FOR QUEENSMead QUESTS – COMING SOON! Queensmead Quests will be given out this 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. 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!
			In year 1 we expect children to be reading for at least 10 minutes daily . It would be beneficial if you could listen to your child read their e-book and discuss their e-book regularly to support their understanding. The e-book is the book your child reads at school during class reading sessions with an adult and it is particularly important that your child consolidates and practices reading this book at home, online.		THANK YOU
	Theme In the first part of the Spring Term our theme is 'School Days'. 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. In the second half of the Spring Term our theme will be 'Carnival of the Animals' with a focus on appreciating the arts. DT In DT during the spring term, we will be designing and making our own puppets. Music During the Spring Term we will be learning about rhythm and pitch in the carnival of the animals.	READING	Please record how well your child gets on reading their e-book in your child's reading diary. You can also comment on any other reading your child does at home, e.g., magazines and their reading for pleasure book. Children will also be given the opportunity to bring home a 'Reading for pleasure' book each week. This book is not necessarily at their reading level but a book of choice to be shared and enjoyed with an adult.		