



KS1 NEWSLETTER

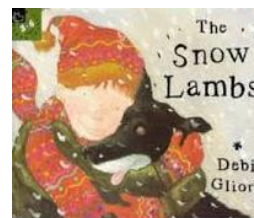
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Welcome Back

We hope that you've had a lovely holiday and are looking forward to the rest of the Autumn Term.

Topic

This week, we will be starting our next new and exciting topic, 'Winter Wonderland.'



The children will be reading lots of books, and studying winter images and film clips to support them with their topic work. In literacy, the children will watch 'The Snowman' movie by Raymond Briggs before planning and making their own movie about a snowman that comes to life. They will then go onto writing an adventure story based on their movie, as well as write letters, poetry, reports and instructions related to the Winter theme. In numeracy, the children will solve a range of problems involving number, shape, space and measure.

In ICT, the children will learn how to create images and messages on the computer and then go onto making their own Christmas cards.



In art, the children will study the works of the famous painter, Joseph Farquharson. They will create their own version of his painting 'The Shortening Winter's Day' using a variety of media such as chalks, pastels, pencils and fabrics.

In science and geography, the children will observe changes in the seasons by monitoring day length and weather patterns during the Autumn and Winter months. They will also learn how and why the temperature changes in England and around the world, as well as learn how animals have adapted to survive in cooler climates such as the polar lands.

During P.E. the children will develop their balance skills during REAL PE as well as develop their dance skills by performing musical movements linked to the theme of Winter.

Morning and Home Time

Mornings will continue to start between 8.30 and 9.00 and home time 2.45 to 3.15pm. We are continuing to stagger morning and home times to ensure that social distancing can be maintained. Please could you remember to wear a face mask when dropping off/picking up your child from school and stand well behind the fence, at least 2 metres from other adults and children. We will bring your child out to you at the end of the day.

Homework

Your child will continue to bring home a reading book, spelling sheet and home-school diary every day. Please could you listen to your child read and help them to practise their spellings on a daily basis. This will then need to be recorded in their home school diary and brought into school. The children will also bring home a homework challenge each week on a Monday, to be returned on Thursday.

Home Learning

We will be providing your child with an extra home learning book this week in case they have to stay at home for any reason. Daily home learning challenges will be set on the school website alongside explanatory videos/notes to help support them at home. The work set will be in line to what the other children will be learning in class - <https://www.sparkenhillacademy.com/key-stage-1/> Please bring your child's home learning book back to school on return so that the work can be marked and feedback given, so that they can continue to build on their learning.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please contact us via email at y12@sparkenhill.com or by class dojo.

Parents Evening

Your child's teacher will be contacting you in the next week or so to arrange a 10 minute online video chat to discuss your child's progress at school. This chat can also be carried out via a phone call if you prefer.

P.E.

P.E. days this term are as follows:

Wednesday and Thursday: Yellow 1 and 4

Wednesday and Friday: Yellow 2, 3 and 5

Your child will need to come to school in their full P.E. kit including track suit bottoms/ leggings/ plimsolls or trainers on their PE days. Could they please wear no jewellery INCLUDING EARRINGS on P.E. days. We will be providing all of the children with a school PE kit later in the term so please do not worry if your child presently does not have a kit with the school logo.

Water Bottles

Your child will need to bring a water bottle to school every day which they can either leave at school to be washed, or take it home every night.

Kind Regards

KS1 Class Teachers

Mrs Moore, Miss Jones, Mrs Leavesley, Mrs Cahill, Mrs Parker, Mrs Padley and Mrs Asvadi