



Buxton Primary School

Leopard Class

Spring Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is so lovely to see the children back after the Christmas break – I hope you all had a brilliant one. With more cold weather to come, please ensure that your child always comes to school with their **jumper/cardigan** and **coat**. Children are also welcome to bring in **hats, gloves and scarves**. A **spare pair of socks** (to keep in their bags) would also be a great idea. Finally, please make sure that your child has their **water bottle** every day.

The information below gives an overview of the Spring Term in Year 1 to help you and your child get the most out of this time.

Handwashing - We will continue to follow a regular handwashing routine whilst in school. We also have hand cream, which is suitable for sensitive skin, readily available for the children to use in class.

Reading Books – Please send any reading books and reading records in school bags with your child each day. Books can be changed on a **Monday** and a **Thursday**. **Please sign reading records** confirming when you have read with your child. Try to aim for **at least three home reads a week**.

Please continue to ask your children questions whilst reading, to check their understanding. E.g. What has just happened to X? What do you think will happen next? We find keeping comprehension time **short and snappy** the best way to keep the children engaged and enthusiastic.

It would be great if you could write any words to practice in your child's reading record (there is a section for this) – we can then practice these in school. We will also write some words in here too.


PE - PE Days will continue to be on **Mondays** and **Wednesdays**. Please ensure that your child comes to school on these days wearing their school PE kit. Please could you also ensure your child has their hair tied back (if long) and that earrings are removed on these days.

Belongings – Please ensure all belongings are **clearly named** so that the children misplace as few items as possible! I've got a good collection of unnamed jumpers and cardigans going already....!

Homework – This will be given out on a **Friday** and due back into school on a **Wednesday** (same as Autumn term). Your child/children will also have the opportunity to bring home a book from our school library. These will come home on a **Friday** and will be due back on a **Wednesday** (the same as their homework).

Forest Schools – Forest Schools is now **finished for Year 1**, so they will **not** need to bring their things into school.

Learning – Our Spring Term learning focus will be as follows:

<p style="text-align: center;">English</p> <p>We will be focusing on using adjectives, identifying similes, and writing postcards, diary entries and newspaper articles.</p> <p>We are starting the term by reading Julia Donaldson's <i>The Snail and the Whale</i>.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Maths</p> <p>We will be developing our knowledge of the 2, 5 and 10 times tables.</p> <p>Alongside this, we will continue working on our addition and subtraction skills.</p> <p>We will also be working on time and money later on in the term.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Science</p> <p>This term, we are learning about Everyday Materials.</p> <p>We will be looking at how we use materials, which are waterproof and how we can sort these into categories.</p> <p>We will also be looking at the transition from winter to spring.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">History</p> <p>We will begin learning about Explorers, kicking things off with Christopher Columbus and then moving onto Neil Armstrong.</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">Geography</p> <p>Year 1 will be learning to identify European flags. We will also choose a country to explore and find out interesting facts about.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Art & DT</p> <p>This term, we will be looking at designing and making our own toys. We will also be learning about Kandinsky, Miro and Terry Frost.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PE</p> <p>We will be exploring movement in gymnastics and creating short routines. We will also be doing invasion games and some dance.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">French</p> <p>The children will be learning basic French greetings. We will be using songs to help build the children's confidence in using these.</p>

As always, please just ask if there is anything you need or are not sure of – I will try my very best to help. I can't wait to see what this Spring Term brings.

Kind regards,
Mrs Mardle. 😊