Rufforth Primary School

Excellence in a family atmosphere

Class 1 Spring 1 Newsletter

Happy New Year and welcome back to the first half of our spring term! I hope you had a nice Christmas —the children have settled back into school nicely and have enjoyed telling us all about what they got up to over the holidays. We have lots of fun things planned this half term as we begin to explore our new topic...

Far Far Away

We have an exciting term ahead as we begin our new topic 'Far Far Away'. This term the children will deepen their Understanding of The World by:

- Learning about the similarities and differences between now and in the past by listening to a range of stories and traditional tales
- Exploring the differences between modern homes and castles
- Learning about the similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries
- Exploring different beliefs and celebrations—including Chinese New Year
- Exploring polar habitats
- Comparing where we live to features of other environments around the world like the polar habitats
- Exploring the properties of some materials to investigate what type of material would make the best house for the little pigs or cape for little red riding hood
- Drawing simple maps —using traditional tales as a stimulus
- Learning about the different features of our locality (York)

PE - PE takes place every Thursday with Mr. Holmes from Total Sports. This half term the children will have their PE lessons in the hall as Mr. Holmes covers gymnastics skills. Please ensure the children have their PE kits in school everyday as we do sometimes do additional PE lessons.

Wellies and Waterproofs - Please ensure you child brings wellies and a waterproof coat or overalls to school on rainy days as we spend a lot of time outdoors in all weathers! Now the weather is very cold please can children come to school with hats and gloves to wear when they are outside.

Water Bottles - Please remember your water bottles (we do have spare cups for anyone who accidentally forgets). We have had a few leaks so please remember **not to put water bottles in book bags** so we can avoid soggy books and planners!

Phonics Blue Books - We will continue to send the blue books out each week with a short phonics activity for the children to complete to reinforce the learning they have done in school. Please return the blue books by the following Thursday.

Reading Books - Reading Books will be sent home every Friday. Please ensure your child's reading book is kept in their bag as we read with the children throughout the week.

Please read with your children for 10 minutes five days a week. When they have finished their book please re-read it to build up their fluency and comprehension skills.

Please sign your child's planner when you have read with them.

Class Padlet

Take a look at our class Padlet for fun activities you can do at home with your child.

Enrichment Opportunities…

Class 1 has a busy half term with lots of activities planned to support their understanding of our topic, 'Far, Far Away…'

Gingerbread baking

Castle Building

Chinese Food Tasting

Communication

If you have any enquires regarding this newsletter or your child please do not hesitate to get in contact. Please use your child's planners if you would like to communicate any messages. You can also contact me via email at lpollock@rufforth.pmat.academy or call the school office if you would like to speak via the phone or arrange a meeting outside of my teaching day.

Thank you for your on-going support,

Best wishes,

Mrs. Pollock and the EYFS Team