Rufforth Primary School

Excellence in a family atmosphere

Class 1 Spring 2 Newsletter

Welcome back to the second half of our spring term! We have had a great first week back and have enjoyed hearing all about what the children got up to over the holidays. We have lots of fun things planned this half term as we begin to explore our new topic...

Twinkle Twinkle Little Star

We have an exciting term ahead as we begin our new topic 'Twinkle Twinkle Little Star' where we will learn all about space and the solar system. This term the children will deepen their Understanding of The World by thinking about the following questions:

- What can we find beyond the sky?
- What's in space and how will we get there?
- Which planet do we live on and what makes it so special?
- What would it be like to visit the moon?
- What would it be like to live on another planet?

The children will also have the opportunity to investigate the different features of Spring and will compare these to the other seasons we have previously learned about. We will go on a spring walk to look for signs of Spring, will learn about the different types of vegetables that can be planted in spring and will have a go at growing some of these ourselves.

As we continue to learn about festivals celebrated by different religions in our community; this term we will be learning about the important Christian celebration of Easter.

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! .

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! We ask that you do not send juice into school. Thank you.

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 Thursday. 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.

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