

KIRTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

TERM 2 NEWSLETTER 2023



YEAR 1

November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

We would like to welcome you to the second term in Year One. The children have settled back in and are very busy with their daily timetables.

Our Topic

Term 2: Look Where I Live

Our topic this term will be 'Look Where I Live'. This term, we shall focus on developing our geographical skills. The children will learn some directional language and use this to describe features on maps. In RE, we will be learning about the Christian community. We will be thinking about special places and, as part of this, we will be looking at Kirton church. We will also be venturing out into our wonderful village to explore our locality. This will support our learning across the curriculum.

Maths and English

In maths lessons, children will be learning about: *multiplication and division; position and direction; measurement (money); and number and place value.*

In order to support your child, you could practise recognition of numbers to 20, coin recognition, left and right directional language, positional language (above/below) and sharing of numbers to 20. Please find attached a coin recognition bingo game for you and your child to enjoy together.

It would really support your child if they were confident with their times tables. This would help them in all areas of maths. This term, your child needs to learn the: *two times table*. In order to support your child, you could access 'Hit the Button', a website designed to support recognition of the times tables. Hit the Button will support your child in being able to recall number facts within the two times tables. Supporting this, you can also access the read, say, cover, write, check grids to practise the two times tables on the school's website.

In English, we will be learning about: *instructions, invitations, newspaper reports, recounts and letters*. In

order to support your child's understanding of newspaper reports, it would be beneficial if they could access a range of newspapers to become familiar with the format and structure. The local library is a useful resource to access as they frequently update their newspaper collection. Alongside this, there is a variety of child-centred newspaper websites such as <https://www.firstnews.co.uk/> to develop children's understanding of newspapers. The spellings that your child will be learning this term will be sent home with their weekly homework; it would be really useful if you could help your child to learn these spellings.

Please encourage your child to read at home every day and ask them questions about what they are reading at every opportunity. We aim to change books regularly and request that reading books are returned to school daily so this can happen often.

Your child may bring a water bottle to school. Please ensure the bottle is clearly named and only contains water.

PE

P.E. days in Year 1 are on a Monday and a Wednesday. Please ensure that your child has the appropriate PE kit. For outdoor games, the children need plain black/navy tracksuit bottoms, a plain white T-shirt, a plain sweatshirt and trainers. For indoor PE, the children need plain black/navy shorts and a plain white t-shirt.

Every item needs to be clearly labelled and in a bag that will remain in school every day. Kits will be taken home to be washed at the end of each term. No items should be taken home during the term.

Homework

Homework is set on a Friday and will continue to support your child's education. It will include weekly maths and English activities as well as reading, some spelling investigations and multiplication facts. If there

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are ever any problems about the homework please come and see us as soon as possible.

HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING THIS TERM:

Key things that parents can do to support their child this term related to things they will be learning about:

- **Visit:**
 - A church – To explore special places in our community related to Christianity.
 - The library – To research newspapers.
- **Useful websites:**
 - Phonics - <https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>
 - Maths - <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>
 - Geography - <https://earth.google.com/web/>
- **Things to make:**
 - Coin recognition bingo (attached) Cut the amounts (white squares) into individual cards. Adults to choose cards at random. If the child has that coin, they need to mark their bingo card. Once they have marked all their coins, they win the game.
 - Write a newspaper article about Kirton/your local community (attached) The top rectangular box should be the name of the newspaper; you might want to call it 'Kirton News'. The second rectangular box should be the headline, you may want to write an article about the recent remembrance parade. There is a space for a drawing or photograph. Use the lines provided to write your article.
 - Make a cake/cupcake following simple instructions (attached)

Important Dates

06.11.23 - First day of Term 2
12.12.23 - Year 1 Christmas Performance 2pm
19.12.23 - Children's Christmas dinner
21.12.23 - Final day of Term 2
03.01.24 - First day of Term 3

Yours sincerely

Mrs Ilsley

Miss Wells

Mrs Lewis

Mr Adams

Year 1 Class Teachers

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20p

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20p

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Cornflake cakes

Ingredients

50g butter

100g milk or dark chocolate, broken into chunks

3 tbsp golden syrup

100g cornflake

Method

1. Children: Weigh out the ingredients. Older children can do this by themselves with supervision and little ones can help to pour or spoon ingredients into the weighing scales. Put 50g butter, 100g milk or dark chocolate, broken into chunks and 3 tbsp golden syrup in a saucepan or microwavable bowl. Put 100g cornflakes in another large bowl.

2. Grown ups: Melt the weighed butter, chocolate and golden syrup in the saucepan over a low heat or briefly in the microwave. Allow to cool a little before pouring over the cornflakes.



3. Children: Stir the ingredients together gently using a wooden spoon. Spoon the mixture into 12 cupcake cases arranged on a muffin tray (or baking sheet, if you don't have one). Grown ups will need to do this for younger children or simply arrange on a tray and let the mess happen. Put in the fridge to set.