



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School
Diocese of Clifton

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Spring term 2! I hope you all had a lovely half term. It is so lovely to have the children back in school and I look forward to another enjoyable term with them! I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for your encouragement and support last term. I am so proud of how hard Year One has been working and your support at home does make such a difference.

Just a few reminders:

- **Spelling test**- is every Thursday. Please can you practice the spellings with your child at home so they are prepared for their test.
- **PE** - Continues to be on a Friday. Please ensure your child is wearing their school PE kit so they can make the most of their PE time.
- **Homework** - This will be set on a Friday evening and should be returned by the following Wednesday so it can be marked and ready to hand out on the Friday again!

We are now looking at a new topic theme this term called 'flying high'. Attached is a copy of our 'Topic Web', detailing the learning areas that we will cover this term. In literacy the children will be doing fairytales. They will retell and write the story of little red riding hood. In maths they will be doing addition and subtraction, fractions and geometry. In science the children are learning all about plants. They will describe and name the parts of a plant and tree. We will be going on a plant hunt around the school to identify and name a variety of common plants and trees. In history we are learning about the history of flight. Year 1 will learn about what flight was like in the past and what it is like now. They will also investigate significant people including the Wright Brothers, Amelia Earhart, Bessie Coleman and Frank Whittle and discover their connections with the history of flight. In music the children will continue to have Miss Loveridge coming in to teach them how to read music and they will be creating a song about spring together.

Reading regularly is still very important. The children at school will be able to change their reading books each week. Children are expected to read 5 times a week, between their Guided Reading sessions. Please continue to write their reads in their yellow reading records so Reading Points can still be awarded. Please make sure that you send their reading diary and books into school daily.

Once again, thank you for your continued support. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Kate Mason
Year 1 Teacher