



## **MONKWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL**

### **Year 1 Class 4 — Spring 1 NEWSLETTER**

## **CLASS NEWS**

Happy New Year! We hope you had a restful and enjoyable Christmas break. We are delighted to welcome the children back for the Spring Term and look forward to an exciting half term of learning.

The school day starts at 8.45am and ends at 3.15pm. Please make sure that your child has their reading book and book bag in school every day.

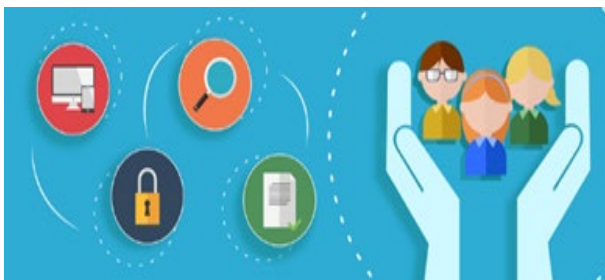
If you have any questions about any aspect of school life, please feel free to pop and see us at the end of the school day or contact the school office and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to an exciting term of learning ahead!

Kindest regards,  
Miss. Kovacs and Mrs. Luty

#### **SAFEGUARDING LEADS AT MONKWOOD PRIMARY ARE:**

- Mrs Lee** - Designated Safeguarding Lead
- Ms Travis** – Trust Safeguarding Lead
- Ms Tyrrell** – Trust Safeguarding Lead



**Phonics**  
Children will continue their phonics journey following the Read Write Inc. phonics scheme. This is a systematic approach with two daily phonics lessons, which help pupils to become confident and fluent readers. Reading books are matched to your child's phonics level.

**English**  
We will continue to use a range of high-quality texts to inspire and motivate the children on their reading and writing journey.

In writing we will continue to focus on forming each letter correctly and carefully and placing the letters correctly on the handwriting lines. We will develop writing simple sentences with finger spaces, capital letters and full stops. We will explore writing simple character descriptions, stories and letters.

**Mathematics**  
Our maths topics will include exploring sorting objects into groups; recognising, naming and sorting 2D shapes; reading and writing numbers 1-20 in numerals and words; exploring simple addition and subtraction to 20; number bonds to 10 and reading and writing number sentences. We will continue to work on simple arithmetic skills, teaching children strategies on how to approach and solve simple arithmetic problems.

**PSHE**  
Using the Jigsaw scheme we will explore the unit 'Dreams and Goals'.

**Art**  
We will be learning all about ceramics and working with clay, learning how to mould and shape it to produce a clay tile

**History**  
We will move onto our second topic looking at the History of Transport and how transport has changed throughout time.

**Geography**  
We will be finding out about the Arctic and exploring what it is like to live there. We will find out where it is located; its weather and the animals and people which live there.

**Science**  
We will continue to learn about seasonal change looking at what happens in the season of winter. Other topics will include Light and the Planets and the Solar System.

**RE** - We will find out about Islam and what Muslims believe.  
**PE** -We will be continuing our PE sessions with our PE Coach, Liam.

# HOME LEARNING

## HOME LEARNING

Regular reading at home is really important and will help your child become a confident and fluent reader. Children need to read home at least three times a week, but every day is better! Please write down in their reading diary every time they read at home, so we can award a dojo for each time they read at home. Alongside reading, homework is sent home each Friday and can be returned to school once it has been completed. In each class we have a homework box where completed homework can be put. Children who return their homework are awarded with dojos.

### Year 1 Key Dates

#### \*Monday - Reading Diaries Day

Reading diaries are handed in as children come into school so we can award dojos for super home reading.

#### \*Wednesday - Borrow Books

Please return borrow books so your child can swap for a different one.

#### \*Wednesday - PE Day

Children need to come to school wearing their school PE kit.

PE kit - plain black bottoms (shorts/trousers with no labels or patterns), plain white t-shirt (no labels or patterns) and trainers.

#### Everyday -

#### \*Reading book and book bag

Children need to bring both to school every day.

#### \*Water bottle

Children need to bring a water bottle with their name on to school every day. Please do not send 'Stanley' type bottles as these are not sealed and cause lots of problems with spillages.

Remember to keep an eye on the school website, Class Dojo and follow us on social media to keep up-to-date with the latest events and information.

**This half term  
well-being tip is:**

Being active and  
exploring  
outdoors.

### Other Key Dates

#### January

6<sup>th</sup> January - Back to school

8<sup>th</sup> January - Year 1 Stay and Play Craft Session 8.45 -10am

13<sup>th</sup> January - 100% Attendance celebration parent event

20<sup>th</sup> January - Year 1 Phonics Screening Parent Meeting  
2.30pm – 3.10pm

#### February

13<sup>th</sup> February- SEND Coffee and catch up

13<sup>th</sup> February – School closes for half term

14<sup>th</sup> February- Inset day

24<sup>th</sup> February – Back to school

**This half term  
we will be  
focusing on  
uniform in  
school.**

### Marvellous Moments!

Whether your child loves to bake, has achieved an award in swimming or learnt to tie their shoe laces—we want to know so that we can share in their 'Marvellous Moments'.

Please send any pictures or comments through Class Dojo and we look forward to celebrating these special moments with the children.

To celebrate achievements outside of school we have a 'Marvellous Moments' wall in class. Please send in any certificates, such as swimming, sports, dancing etc. so we can take a copy and add to the wall (we will return the original back to you).