

Year 1 and 2 Spring Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

A big welcome back after our Christmas holiday, we hope you have all had a fantastic break and that Father Christmas was good to all of you! Thank you for all our cards and gifts. A huge thanks too for the fantastic parent support last half term, from all the helpers who travelled to Sudbury Hall with us to the amazing amount of family that turned out for our toy morning and then your attendance at the Christmas performances. The children love to share their school work with you all so thank you again.

"Who was the greatest inventor?"



The Spring term will launch us into our topic driven by history as we look at famous inventors and inventions that have changed over time. The topic will then link into our materials topic where we will be investigating how we can change solid objects as well as the suitability of materials for different jobs.

Over this half-term we will be reading 'Wendel's Workshop' by Chris Riddell, 'The Most Magnificent Thing' by Ashley Spires and 'Rosie Revere, Engineer' by Andrea Beaty. Please read continue to read with your children at home as it supports all of their learning in school too. Perhaps you have any books at home that are about inventors or inventions they would be great to read too.

We would also like to celebrate our topic with an Inventor's WOW day; please keep an eye in diaries for more information.

P.E.

Please can we remind parents and carers to ensure that your child has their PE kit clearly named for our PE lessons, we are still finding lots of items of clothing that we are unable to reunite with the right child due to no name being written in it.

- PE kits stay at English Martyrs' for the half term and then are sent home for washing in the holiday.
- We will continue to have PE on a Thursday, this half term there will be a gymnastics focus.
- If your child wears earrings please can they be removed before they come to school otherwise they are unable to take part in P.E.
- As the weather is still cold outside please ensure your child has suitable outdoor P.E. clothing as if the weather permits it's still preferable to be outside for our sessions.

Reading

We thank parents for supporting your child's learning and it is pleasing to see lots of children reading regularly at home. Please continue to listen to your child read daily (and record this in their diaries) as this is crucial in supporting them across the curriculum.

We also ask for your continued support with ensuring that your child is sent to school with their reading diary **every day**.

Dates for the Diary

This list is not exhaustive; please check diaries for special stickers in diaries, the school website, Parent Hub and whole school newsletters about what's going on in school.

Thursday 11 th January	Mass 1.45pm
Friday 2 nd February	Year 1 and 2 Good Work Liturgy
Tuesday 6 th February	Mrs Ellis' Class Liturgy 9am
Monday 12 th /Tuesday 13 th February	KS1 Maths drop ins 8.50am - 9.30am
Wednesday 14 th February	Ash Wednesday Liturgy 2pm

Important information:

- Could all children's uniform be labelled to reduce items going missing/ sent home with the wrong child.
- Please refer to your child's diary or school website for their current targets/outcomes.
- Homework will be placed on the school website and in diaries.
- The term's planning can be accessed on the school website.
- Please be mindful of the weather, children need to be provided with a warm coat, hat and gloves in preparation for the cold winter weather.

We are really excited about this half term's learning and really hope that the children are looking forward to another super topic!

Kind Regards,

Miss Sweeney and Mrs Ellis.