



Spring Term in Year 1



"If you can?" said Jesus.
"Everything is possible for one who believes"
Mark 9:23

Welcome back!

We really hope that everybody had a lovely Christmas with your families. We have enjoyed hearing all about your adventures over the Christmas holidays.

We are very proud of how well the children have settled back into school routines after the Christmas break. The school's website will continue to be regularly updated with pictures of the children enjoying their school day. If you wish to see more of the children's learning in action please follow @MissLenton2 and @MrsMTiwari1



EdShed Homework - Homework is important and we will expect it to be completed and handed in on time. It helps consolidate learning and build up your child's confidence. This term, it will be weekly English and Maths activities including EdShed, which will be given out in homework books on a Friday, to be completed and handed in on a Wednesday. As always children can earn house points for completing their homework.



Oxford owl portal - please remember that your child has access to the oxford owl reading portal. An additional phonics book will be assigned for your child to read at home and take part in the quiz. This allows the children to revisit a text they have read in school but also answer questions linked to the story or answer phonics-based questions. Log in access via oxfordowl.co.uk

Reading Books - These need to be in school **daily**. The children will receive a book matched to their phonetic ability which will be changed on a Tuesday and Thursday. This is expected to



be in school throughout the week. The children will also receive a Reading for Pleasure book to share with adults at home on a Friday.

Please ensure books are returned to school.

Spellings – These will be set on a Friday and tested on a Friday. We advise they use a Look, Cover, Check approach mixed in with chanting as this makes it more exciting. The words we will be learning this term are a mix of key subject vocabulary, the year 1 common exception words and words which the children use in their phonics lessons.

PE- A quick reminder that earrings need to be removed or covered on P.E days (in line with the school's policy). This term PE is on a Tuesday and Thursday. Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit in school each week, this should be clearly labelled with your child's name.

PSHE - Much of this is discussed during our reflection times, in which children are given the opportunity to share thoughts and feelings whilst listening to others. We also link these concepts to our overall subjects, providing a real context to build relationships with people and the feelings that this can bring.



Our big questions this term:

RE - How is Allah described in the Qur'an?

Art - Why is line important?

Geography - How is our town special?

Science - Are we all the same or are we all different?

PSHE - Is everyone special?

PE - Why is counting important in dance?

How will co-ordination help improve accuracy?

Computing - Are instructions important?

Important website links and E-safety:

Guides on how to keep children safe online.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>



Resources for parents and carers that are dealing with any online issues.

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>

Parents needing to raise concerns and report any online issues.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

Our School website links

<https://www.stthomasacademy.co.uk/>

<https://st-thomas-cofe-boston.primarysite.media/>

<https://www.stthomasacademy.co.uk/year-one-gentleness-class/>

Mrs Tiwari's Class

<https://www.stthomasacademy.co.uk/year-one-kindness-class/>

Miss Lenton's class

We are so excited to continue to inspire and support your children in reaching their potential this year with your valued support across the curriculum.

Please do speak to us if you have ideas, questions or concerns over your child. Remember to inform us of any change in circumstance – little or big. It can really affect the behaviour and feelings of your child and we want to be able to support your child as fully as possible.

Mrs Tiwari and Miss Lenton

Year 1 Teachers.

