



Spring Term in Year 1



Welcome back!

We really hope that everybody had a lovely Christmas with your families. We have enjoyed hearing 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 [@MissDoran2](#) and [@mrs_milne](#) on Twitter.



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.

Reading Books - These need to be in school **daily**. The children will receive two books matched to their phonetic ability which will be changed on a Tuesday and Thursday. These are 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 Monday 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:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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 of 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 Milne and Miss Doran,

Year 1 Teachers.

