

**Spring Term 3 2021 Newsletter**  
**What's the greatest invention?**

**Year 1 and 2 'Marvellous Materials'**



Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! Welcome back to school after what we hope has been a relaxing festive break!

This term our whole school big question is **'What's the greatest invention?'** During this term we will be having a Science focus and will be learning all about Materials. We will be kick starting the term off with a Hook Science Week where children will be becoming research scientists! We will be holding a science themed hook week for the children with a range of investigations and STEM activities.

To follow on from this exciting week, Year 1 and 2 will then be looking at 'Marvellous Materials!' We will continue to explore the properties of materials in Science. We will identify and discuss a range of materials and the properties of objects then sort them according to various criteria. We will be linking this to our story in English 'The Tin Forest' and contrasting different settings to produce setting and character descriptions using prepositions. Children will be using this knowledge in Design and Technology to produce their very own Tin Forest using different materials.

**Fabulous Friday**

Year 1 and 2 are hoping to invite you to their celebration of learning on **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February**. The children love showcasing and sharing their work with family members.

**\*Please put this date in your diaries, but the event will depend upon current Covid19 DFE guidance and restrictions. A decision will be made nearer the time\***

**Values**

Our value for January is 'Determination' and for February it is 'Honesty'. We will continue to learn about each value in class, through our virtual assemblies and apply these values to our behaviour, learning and school ethos.

## **Physical Education**

Year 1 and 2 classes will have their PE lesson on a **Tuesday** afternoon and will need to come to school wearing their PE kit to school. As the majority of PE will take place outside, please ensure they have warm clothing to wear, along with a coat. Our focus this term will be on **manipulation** and how we throw and catch different objects. Also in addition to the main lesson, children will have a movement lesson on a Thursday afternoon – they do not need PE kit for this lesson.



## **Homework**

Firstly, thank you so much for your on-going support with homework. Your child's homework will continue to mostly be set online, and will be set on a **Wednesday** consisting of:



- RWI storybook plus a book bag book (independent reading)
- Picture book (to share with a family member)
- Online homework e.g. Purple Mash
- RWI Spellings

We will use Purple Mash to set English, Maths and topic activities and all homework will be differentiated so that children feel comfortable with what they are able to achieve. Please make sure your child completes their homework on their own so that we can assess what they have understood (reading homework to children is absolutely fine!). Spellings will come home on a **Friday** and children will be tested the following **Friday**.

## **Uniform – please name!**

Please can we urge you to **NAME ALL UNIFORM**. This includes coats, PE kits, wellington boots, hats, scarves and gloves etc. if possible. With over 70 children in the key stage it is much easier to get lost property back to the right person if it is named. Thank you.

## **Toys**



Please can we remind you that no toys should be brought in from home during these Covid safe times. Please ensure your child only brings a drink, packed lunch (if not booked in for a school dinner), coat and, as the weather gets colder, a hat, scarf and gloves. Thank you for your support with this.

## **Communication**

Although we encourage independence from day one, we realise that unfortunately our doors aren't open for parents in the same way as before. Please telephone or email the school office to ask any questions or share any concerns you have - we would rather you talk to us, than worry about something we can answer or resolve quickly!

Telephone: 01869 324061 or Email: [office@southwold.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office@southwold.oxon.sch.uk)

Thank you for your on-going support from the Key Stage 1 Team.

**Mrs Hooton, Miss Stef and Mr Street**

## **Dates for your diary!**

04/01/2020 – INSET (school closed)

05/01/2020 – Term 3 starts

25/01/2020 – Wizard of Oz pantomime (TBC)

08/02/2020 – Safer Internet Day

12/02/2020 – End of term