



# BISHOPSWOOD INFANT SCHOOL

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## Year 1 Newsletter – Spring 1

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you all had a lovely Christmas holiday and we would like to wish you all a very happy and healthy new year!

### **Learning Challenge**

This term our Learning Challenge is based around past and current Queens and the question “**Do all Queens wear crowns?**”. You will be able to see the range of work we are covering on our attached topic plan. If you have any questions about the topic please see one of us at the door.

### **“Kings and Queens Day”**

We are excited to be including this half term a ‘**Kings and Queens Day**’ on **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February** where the children can experience a range of royal activities including all the fun of a castle banquet! Children can come dressed up as Kings, Queens, Princes, Princesses or even a knight! We will also have our own special castle to play on that day too.. A reminder will be going out nearer the time.

### **Homework Grid**

Please find attached the homework grid for this half term. Any homework the children complete this term is optional and can be brought in on **Mondays** and they will be given an opportunity to share it with the class during that week. Homework will be displayed on our Home Learning board and children given a sticker to celebrate their work. The homework grid will also be uploaded onto Seesaw so activities can also be shared on there if preferred.

## **Reading and Spelling**

Children who read frequently at home often make much better progress than those who are not heard as often, so if you do get the opportunity to hear your child read then it can make all the difference to both their confidence and ability. We would encourage you to try and hear them at least 3 times a week if possible and **please record this in their reading record.**

Children will receive a new phonic reading book in their phonic sessions, which will be changed every **Monday**. The children will also be able to take home other reading books that can be changed by the child throughout the week or after they have read with an adult at school.

Spellings will continue to be taught and tested fortnightly in our Phonics sessions. Any additional revision of these you can do at home will greatly improve your child's chances of spelling them correctly in the test and in future written work.

## **PE**

PE will take place weekly on a **Tuesday** afternoon this term. Children will need to come to school in their PE kit and will stay in them all day. Please make sure their footwear is appropriate for indoor and outdoor PE, and if it is a chilly day they will need a school jumper to wear as well. As always, we ask that long hair is tied back on these days and any earrings are either taken out or covered over with medical tape.

## **Reminders**

- This year we be trying to include as much learning outside as possible. Each child will need a **pair of wellies** in school in order for them to be fully involved.
- Please ensure your children's jumpers and cardigans are clearly named so they do not get lost.
- Water bottles need to be in school and taken home each day to be cleaned and re-filled.
- Library day will be on a **Monday**, so please ensure their borrowed books are in their bag. This is a lovely opportunity to try lots of different books and select books with their peers.

We hope that you and your children enjoy the term ahead of us. If you have any questions please come and speak to your class teacher.

Many thanks,

Year 1 Team

Miss Lees, Mrs Boyce, Mrs Norton

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