**Year 1 Class Newsletter- Spring Term 2**

**Literacy**

**Writing-** In our literacy lessons, we will be continuing to write postcards like Sunny, the character from our book “Meerkat Mail” by Emily Gravett. The children will be thinking about using capital letters, full stops and exclamation marks. We will practice spelling the days of the week and some of the Year 1 common exception words.

**Reading-** Please can I ask that daily reading at home is maintained, as part of ongoing homework. ***Reading each evening is crucial to your child’s reading development!*** The children are encouraged to place any finished reading books into the classroom’s- *‘Swap Box’*, so that they can be changed for taking home, each evening. Books will be only be swapped in school, once they’ve been read and listened to by an adult; therefore it is important that reading records are signed. **Please ensure reading book bags are sent into school every day.**

**Phonics-** The children will continue to complete daily phonic sessions.

**Numeracy**

**In our numeracy lessons, the children will be covering work surrounding:**

* Counting in 2s, 5s and 10s.
* Place value and number.
* Money: recognising different coins and using different coins to make amounts of money.
* Fractions; recognising, finding and naming a half and a quarter of an object, shape or quantity.
* Adding and subtracting including finding missing numbers.

**Problem-solving will be incorporated and developed throughout all coverage areas**

**Term Dates**

26th February-29th March 2018



**What else are Y1 learning about this term?**

**Geography-**This half-term, we will be continuing our study of Africa. *We will be focusing on the climate and weather, the culture and landscape and identifying similarities and differences between Africa and the UK.*

**RE/PSHE-** The children will be continuing Judaism in RE. We will also be discussing different feelings in PSHE.

**Music-** The children will participate in a weekly session of hymn practice to develop their singing skills. We will also be including music opportunities in class, when possible.

**Art/D&T-** The children will look closely at art surrounding our theme of Africa. We shall continue looking at pictures by the African artist Martin Bulinya and also the many African patterns so we can create our own.

**PE-** This half-term, the children will be continuing to develop their ball skills and improving their co-ordination. They will working with a sports coach, focusing on developing their skills in football. **Weather permitting these football sessions are planned to take place outside. Please send blue/black leggings or jogging bottoms for colder days.** **Please ensure PE bags are in school with full kit- clearly named.**

**Computing-** In computing the children will be learning simple programming

**Science-** The children will be completing a scientific unit surrounding work on

**Special dates for your diary this half-term…**

***Tuesday 20th March – Parents Evening***