

# Peter Pan, Gruffalo, Swallows and Amazons Newsletter Spring Term 2019

Dear Families,

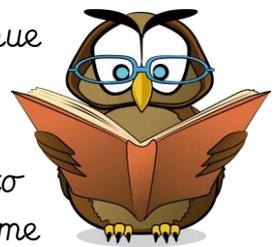
Welcome back to the Spring term. Our topic for this term is 'Let There Be Light' where we will be looking at the invention of the long-lasting lightbulb and darkness and light. Science will a big focus this term as we spend time finding out about nocturnal animals, space, plants, night and day and scientific inventions from the past. Science learning will have a particular focus on 'Plant growth' and Materials as well as continuing our study of the seasons. We hope to visit areas in the local environment to observe these changes too and to welcome lots of visitors into school to support our curriculum learning in all areas.

## Open Learning Session:

We will be inviting parents in to school to see how we teach various subjects in Year One. We have already shared our Phonics learning and next up will be Maths. Look out for more information on the Newsletter.

## Reading books

Thank you for all the help you have given us last term with home reading, this has been so valuable in supporting your child's progress and we can really see a difference! Please continue to support your child to bring in their reading book every day and put it in their class box. Please remember that we encourage independence in Year One and if they need to change their reading books they can do so at any time without asking an adult, and, of course, you are also most welcome to do this. Please encourage them to read anything at home or out and about, from cereal packets at breakfast time to newspapers and comics or street signs. Any reading is valuable.

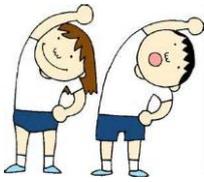


### Home Learning:

Again, a home learning grid is attached to this letter. Please encourage your child to have a go at some activities, each activity is worth 2 dojos just highlight the box when they have completed that piece. It is expected that children will read regularly (preferably daily). Your child should also practise their spellings daily.

### P.E.

Our ballet will continue on Wednesdays each week and other P.E. lessons may happen at times throughout the week. Please could you support us and your child in ensuring that they have a full and named P.E. kit in school at all times. If possible please supply them with trainers that support the feet well for the many running activities that we do.



### Housekeeping

If you wish, you can provide your child with a pair of wellington boots that they can keep in school for winter playtimes. This will help them to keep clean and dry. Thank you to everyone that has named their child's clothing and PE kit, however, we are still finding some items unnamed and therefore cannot return them to the correct child. Please help.



### And finally

Your children have come back from their Christmas break so enthused and ready to learn, we have been truly amazed. They are really calm and settled and have been demonstrating real maturity and independence! We are looking forward to the next few weeks and know that this is going to be a very exciting topic. Remember, if you have any queries please do pop in to see us and we will help if we can. Thank you for all your support and we look forward to working with you further to benefit your child.

Thank you

Ms Copper, Miss McQueen, Miss Poulton, Mrs Fifield and the Year 1 Team