



Aycliffe Village Primary School

Great oaks from tiny acorns grow
Horse Chestnut Spring 2023 Newsletter



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Curriculum

Welcome to the Spring Term in Horse Chestnut Class! The children have shown real maturity in settling into some new routines in Year 1 after the Christmas break!

Reading continues to be an important part of the Year 1 curriculum. We are very grateful to you all for ensuring that your child's reading book and record are brought into school every day and ask only that you write a quick note in the reading record each time you read with your child at home. Our daily phonics, reading and writing opportunities, following the Read Write inc. scheme, are going well and we are working hard to have the children ready for the Year 1 Phonics Assessment in the Summer term. In Maths, the children have been learning about place value of numbers to 20 and will soon begin work on addition and subtraction up to 20. Later in the term, we will look at place value of numbers up to 50 and will also do some work on length, height, mass and volume.

In Science we will be doing some more work on animals, including humans. We will also be looking at seasonal change for both Winter and Spring, thinking about changes in weather, hours of daylight and clothing.

This term in Geography, we will be finding out about the four countries and capitals of the UK before zoning in on our local area. In Art, our topic is 'Flora and Fauna' and I was blown away with the children's drawings in our first lesson! In History next half term, we will be finding out about changes in living memory, focusing on our locality.

Things to Remember:

PE Kit should be brought into school at the beginning of each half term, **with everything clearly labelled**, and will be sent home again at the end of the half term. The children are getting much better at getting changed but we still find the odd stray pair of shorts so making sure everything is labelled is very helpful! Please also ensure that earrings are either removed or children have plasters with them to cover them.

On Friday children will bring home their homework book. We ask please that homework is completed and returned to school by the following Wednesday.

