



# S I N G L E T O N



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Dear Class 1,

I hope you all had a brilliant Easter and ate plenty of chocolate! With many eager and delighted children returning to school, we have already had a fantastic start to the Summer term. It's wonderful to see everyone from Class 1 back together!

Our PE day continues to be a **Monday**. With the weather becoming warmer, our first half term is athletics. The second half of the term will be practising our fundamental movement skills through one of our favourite books 'Zog'. Children **do not** need to bring their PE bag into school, **they should come into school on Monday's ready**. Please check your child has:

- A Singleton PE white t-shirt or a polo white t-shirt
- Singleton school jumper/cardigan/PE hoody
- Red shorts or black joggers
- Trainers or pumps

**\*All earrings must be taken out before the PE day.** Children must not wear earrings for PE. If the child cannot remove the earrings they will be exempt from the lesson.

## School Timetable:

As of the Summer term, the school day has slightly extended. Children now enter school at 8.40am **with no drop off window**. Children are then picked up at the end of the day at 3.15pm

**Literacy:** As always, there will be a continued focus on developing fundamental skills in reading, writing, and SPAG. Spelling and handwriting are equally crucial and should be practised. Spelling lists will carry on being distributed every Friday, with tests the following week. We will also be continuing to use our fantastic scheme which has a focus on "Teach through a text". This term, the children will be writing our own narratives after studying the book "Ocean Meets Sky", a fantasy adventure about a boy who travels the world. Our non-fiction focus will be creating information booklets about the Great Fire of London.

**Numeracy:** We are going to be super busy in our Maths lessons as we approach the end of the year. Below is a list of the topics each year group will be covering in the Summer term.

## Y1

Shape & Space

Counting / Properties of Numbers / Reasoning about Numbers

Place Value / Ordering / Estimating

Money & Real Life Problems

Measures & Time Problems

+ - mental calculation strategies

Times tables – 2s, 5s and 10s

## Y2

Shape

Counting / Properties of Numbers / Sequences

Ordering / + - / Real Life Problems

Money & Real Life Problems

Measures (Capacity)

Statistics

Times tables – 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s.

As in the Spring term, it is vital that MyMaths homework is completed each week as this reinforces the child's learning.

**Science:** 'Squash, Squeeze, Bend and Twist' is our fun first topic in Science where we will be investigating materials and their properties. In the second half term, we will be packing our rucksacks and going 'On Safari'. During this topic, we will be learning about animals and talking about how they are different to each other.

**Topic:** In the first half term, Geography will involve us travelling the world and taking a closer look at what life is like in each continent. We will investigate lifestyle and the animals in these continents. After half term, our History work will be looking at Great Britain's great inventions, with a focus on transport.

**RE:** We will continue to follow the Diocese plans and units. Our first unit of work is 'What happened at the Ascension and Pentecost?' We will emphasise the importance of these events in the life of Jesus and the Church, then and now. Following this, we will be researching Baptism and what makes it so special.

**PHSE:** We will continue to follow the Coram Education Scheme in PHSE. In Summer we are focusing on being the best we can be.

**Music:** Music in Class 1 is practising rhythm and structure through myths and fairy tales. By the end of this unit, children will be working in small groups to compose a piece of music linked to a fairy tale. They will use their bodies to make percussive sounds and also use a variety of instruments.

**Computing:** Class 1 will be using a mixture of iPads and laptops to create pictures on Purple Mash using 2paint. Alongside this, we will continue to learn about online safety and how to stay safe when accessing the internet.

**ART & DT:** DT will be taught through Fantastic Friday. We will be planning, creating and evaluating our very own windmills. Class 1 will assemble their structures and then we will test our creations to find out if they work when wind is blown against them.

### **Important information Recap:**

Book Changing day is **FRIDAY**.

### **Homework**

Homework will be set every Friday. This will include at least:

- MyMaths home work
- SPAG.com
- Spellings

Homework is a crucial element of school that reinforces the learning we do. This partnership allows us to be cohesive in our expectations. Therefore, we ask you to encourage your children to undertake and complete homework tasks in order to promote:

- positive attitude to work
- self-esteem and a sense of achievement
- improved standards of performance

Class 1 will now be creating home projects linked to faiths from around the world. Each child in the class will receive a paper slip detailing the chosen religion and the week in which they will present their project to the class.

Early reading in Key Stage 1 is extremely important. It is vital that every child is heard reading daily at home and then this must be recorded in reading diaries. Please have discussions about the book and ensure that children have an understanding of what they are reading. Re-reading of books is also important. It is recommended that early reading books should be read at least three times for children to fully understand the book.

Homework grid below:



Class	Maximum Time per day spent on homework	Daily homework	Weekly tasks		Homework Given out	Homework due in	Other
1	20 – 25 mins per night	10 mins reading each night.  5 mins times tables per day (Timetables Rock Stars)	My Maths	20/30mins	Friday online	Friday online	Throughout the year the children will also have:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ‘Talk’ for writing homework when relevant and linked to literacy or a Talk Project (this starts in the Summer Term)</li> </ul>
			Times tables – Rock stars	20/25 mins			
			Spellings	Daily	Friday on paper	Friday tests	
			SPAG.com	20/25 mins	Friday online	Friday online	

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Finally,

Thank you for a fantastic year so far! I am extremely excited about the Summer term and all the brilliant days we have planned. We continue to operate an open door policy, please feel free to contact me on drop off and pick up each day for with any questions or concerns.

Many Thanks

Mr Hogg