

## Home School Guide – Spring 1 2021

### Sunbeams – Year 1/2

**Welcome back! I hope you have all had a lovely Christmas, let's see what 2021 brings.**

I would like to welcome Mr Roderick into Sunbeams this half term as a teaching student from Huddersfield University in his second year of a teaching degree and Miss Iqbal from Leeds Beckett University also in her second year. She will start with us on the 18<sup>th</sup> January.

**Here is an overview of what we will be covering this half term.**

**English** – Our story this half term will be The Magic Porridge Pot which is a finding tale with a dilemma which needs to be solved. We will use capital letters for names, capital letters for 'I', full stops, exclamation marks, question marks and bullet points. Year 2 will also use commas, speech marks and apostrophes in contractions and for possession.

We will also write instructions for how to make porridge.

**Maths** – Year 1 will cover counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and addition and subtraction within 20.  
Year 2 will cover fractions and time.

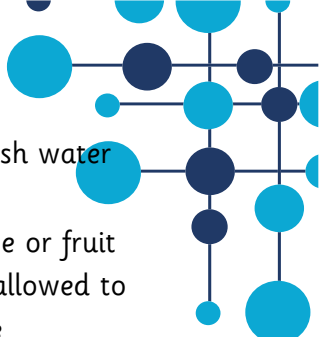
**Foundation Subjects** – In **Science** we will be looking at living things and food chains

**Geography** – We will be looking at our local area and the physical and human features we can find in it. We will learn that we live in England which is a country and our capital city is London. Children will locate England on a world map and Golcar, Leeds and Bradford on a UK map.

**Art** – Children will learn about collage by combining materials, cutting, tearing sorting and arranging them to create an image. We will also start to look at tones and thickness of lines to create an effect when drawing.

### Things to remember

- Start time for our class only is **8.40am** and pick up time is **3.10pm**. **All children should be dropped off and picked up at the pedestrian gate at the front of school only.**
- We will now be sending reading books home. At the beginning of the day we change our books. Reading Diaries need to be signed by parents and shown to an adult in class before a new book can be chosen.
- **Library books** will be changed every Wednesday, please make sure it is returned each week.
- **Bookbags can now be brought into school** and must be brought in every day. No reading books or library books will be sent home otherwise.
- **PE** is on Thursday this half term where Ball Skills will be taught by a specialist from Ultimate Sport. **Children must come to school dressed in their PE kits on this day. They will NOT be getting changed in school.** It is also our turn to have an afterschool club which will be Football and run in the hall until 4.00pm. Please make sure you have signed up if you would like to take part.
- **Spellings** are sent home on a Friday as part of the homework. A spelling test will be completed the following Thursday. All other homework should be returned the following Wednesday.

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- Please make sure your child has a **water bottle** in school each day filled with fresh water – **no juice please**.
  - **Morning snack** – please send your child with a piece of fruit or vegetable, cheese or fruit juice. There will still be **no Tuck Shop**. Crisps, biscuits, chocolate etc will not be allowed to be eaten in school at break time and will be returned home the same day. **Please remember we are a nut free school.**

### Websites to access

<https://trockstars.com/>   <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk>   [www.purplemash.com](http://www.purplemash.com)

[www.spellingshed.com/en-gb](http://www.spellingshed.com/en-gb)

Please see Mrs Stephenson or myself if you need your child's username and password or cannot access them at home.

### Key Dates

**School reopens on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 8.40am**

**Monday 18th January** - Film Night in class bubbles 3.00pm – 5.00pm

**Friday 29th January** - Huddersfield Town Wear it Blue Day and Raffle (charity for the Town Foundation which run our breakfast club)

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January** - Bags for Schools collection

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February** – NSPCC Number Day

**Thurs 11th February** - Valentines Class Discos (more details to follow)

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February** – last day of term normal finish time

**School reopens on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February**

