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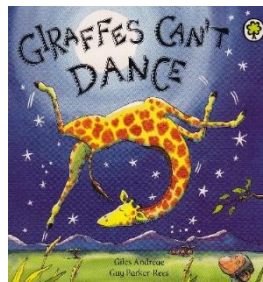
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Year 1 Spring 1 2026

Dear Parents,

Welcome back everyone! We hope you had an amazing Christmas and are ready to start off 2025 with a bang. We are so excited to be seeing you again and this letter will tell you a bit more about the fabulous learning journey that your children are about to embark on in Spring 1.

Spring One English



This half term, we will be looking at the text *Giraffes Can't Dance* and writing a character description of Gerald the Giraffe. This will then lead into the children making their own animal fact files about animals of their choice.

In our other subjects we will be looking at:

Maths - Addition and subtraction, measure: time and mass, multiplication and division

Science - Habitats

Computing - Making Rockets

Art - Artist Study - Eric Carle Animal Printing - Painting, Using tools and Printing

Geography - What is the weather like in the UK?

PE - Inside PE: Dance: The Zoo

RE - Sikhism - Special Places

PDL (Personal Development Learning) This includes the following 5 topics:

No Outsiders - Errol's Garden - being part of a team

Jigsaw (PSHE) - Dreams and Goals

Safe Guarding - Hygiene, including hand washing and looking after our bodies

Online Safety - Online Bullying

Home Learning

As usual we ask that you spend **time reading** with your child every day and recording this in their reading diary. They do love to receive their certificates, and we all know how important reading is. Our small homework task will continue to be sent home on Friday. Please complete this with your child each week. It links to our Little Wandle learning in phonics, so is the ideal way to help reinforce your child's learning in school.

Uniform

We are delighted to see the children back in their uniform looking smart. It gives us a lovely sense of pride and belonging. Please be reminded that shoes (not trainers) should be plain black and without colour, including white. Please make sure everything is **NAMED**. Remember on our PE days (**Monday**) children need to come dressed already in their PE kits.



Library

Our library day is a **Monday afternoon**. We recommend keeping their books in their book bag so they always have it and it doesn't get lost down the side of the bed!



Water bottles

Please remember to send your child in with a named water bottle each day to ensure they can stay hydrated throughout the day.

Communication



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We will be around at the end of each day if you have anything you wish to discuss with us. If you let us see the children out first, and then wait behind if you wish to see us. Alternatively, please make an appointment with us when convenient if you have something more. We do understand that some parents work, and are not around at the start or end of the day, so please feel free to write a message for your child to hand to their teacher.

Thank you for your support as we look forward to another successful half term's worth of learning.

Miss Green, Mrs Campbell and Mrs Bailey