

# Year One Spring Newsletter 2021

Welcome to the Spring Term at Edna G. Olds Academy. The children have made a great start to the new year. I am immensely proud of how they have all adapted so well to our new routine of remote learning, via Showbie. I would like to thank you for your continued support with your child's learning at home, especially during these challenging times.

This term our topic is 'Houses and Homes'. We will be learning to: investigate and identify the variety of homes we live in today, both in the UK and around the world; look at similarities and differences between homes; explore homes built a long time ago and identify their features.



**English:** Please continue to read with your child as often as you can - preferably every day. Reading books are regularly assigned for your child to read on Reading Eggs. Thank you to all those parents who have been listening to their child read, I know that the children have been enjoying using Reading Eggs. Please remember to upload your comments in your child's reading diary onto Showbie.

Our class book this term is 'Sid Dinner Sid'. The children have been enjoying finding out why Sid has six dinners and many of our English lessons this term will link to this story.

In writing we are continuing to focus on composing sentences, including using punctuation, such as questions marks. We will be learning about different classes of words, such as nouns, verbs and adjectives. Please support your child to continue to practise developing their joined handwriting style, using Letter join. They have all been making a great effort with this.

**Maths:** This term we will begin by learning about place value. We will focus on numbers up to 20, before moving onto numbers up to 50 later in the term. The children will have experience of practising counting in 2s and 5s and comparing and ordering numbers within 50. The children will develop a deep understanding of numbers, sequences, patterns and value. They will learn to be fluent in saying 1 more and 1 less from a given number. The children will also be working on addition and subtraction within 20. This will include finding and making number bonds to 20, subtracting by counting back across 10 and comparing different addition and subtraction sentences. Finally, the children will begin to learn to compare and measure length and height. Alongside all these areas of maths, the children will be taught to reason and solve problems and to explain their thinking, for example, how would you sort this group of objects and why?

Best Wishes, Miss Crabtree