

Excalibur Primary School

Year one Newsletter

Spring Term 2023



Dear Year one parents/carers,

A warm welcome back to the start of a New Year!

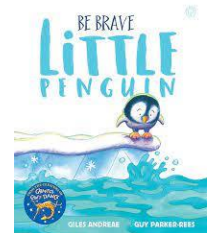
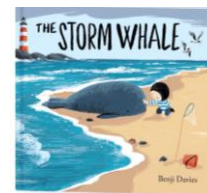


We hope that you and your family have had a magical Christmas time. We would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you for all of the seasonal greetings, cards and gifts that we have received. It was not necessary but very much appreciated.

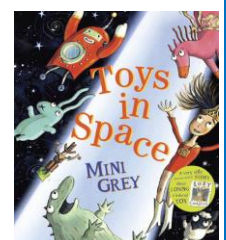
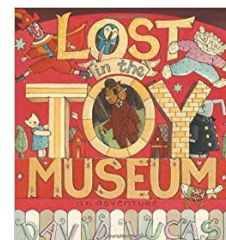
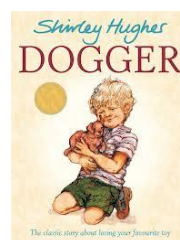
Best wishes for a wonderful 2023!

We were excited to welcome the children back to the start of a new term. We have much to look forward to and have many stimulating learning opportunities planned.

Our focus stories include 'Lost and Found', 'The Storm Whale', 'Dogger' and 'Lost in the Toy Museum'.



Focus stories



A gentle reminder...

Children need to bring a refillable water bottle every day. It should be filled with water only and will be topped up as needed.

Children also need a healthy snack for first break. School provides fruit in the afternoon but the children are welcome to bring a piece of fruit from home for the afternoon if they prefer.

We also have a huge variety of stories and non-fiction books lined up to provide many opportunities for writing, and to fuel our topic work, creative work, and PSHCE discussions.

In Maths, we will explore the following areas...

Place Value within 20,

Addition and subtraction within 20,

Place Value within 50,

Measure – length and height,

Measure – volume and mass.

Please follow the link below to find the maths help books for each of these areas.

<http://www.excalibur.cheshire.sch.uk/page/maths-workbooks-for-parents/86832>

In Science, we will be exploring 'Marvellous Materials'. The children will investigate the materials that objects are made from. They will discuss why particular objects are better made from certain materials. Why, for example, a teapot is not made from chocolate. The children will investigate the properties of given materials. They will use new vocabulary to describe the materials e.g. brittle, bendy, transparent, opaque and soft.

For further information, please remember to visit our class page.

<http://www.excalibur.cheshire.sch.uk/class/year-1>

Remember to please get in touch if you have any questions. We are always happy to help! ☺

*Mrs Cheadle, Miss Taylor,
Mrs Jesch and Mrs McCormick*

Homework

Homework will be set on Thursdays, via Seesaw, the children will then have a week to complete the set activities. Activities will vary but will include at least one maths activity. Children are also encouraged to continue to use the free resources provided by 'Top Marks'. Parents/carers are free to set time limits as screen time can be an issue. **RWINC books** will continue to be changed on Mondays ready for the week ahead. **Library books** can be changed on Wednesdays. **Story basket books** can be swapped on Monday and Fridays. The children are in a good routine with this and understand the difference between the three different literacy resources.

PE

Children should have returned their PE kit ready for PE lessons on Mondays and Thursdays. Please ensure that earrings are taken out or covered with micropore before coming into school. Jewellery should not be worn and long hair should be tied back for health and safety reasons. This is especially important as we are delivering a gymnastic unit this term and the children will be using large apparatus as well as doing floor work.

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 15th March – Year 1 will share a class assembly. Parents and carers are invited to come along. Heads up that a trip to a local toy museum is being planned for March (details to follow). This will support our history theme of 'Toys then and Now'