



Class Newsletter

Year 1

Spring 2024



Staff working in Year 1

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Teaching Assistants: Mrs Taylor and Mrs Webb

Welcome back, we hope you have all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year. We are very much looking forward to the Spring term and carrying on all the great learning from the Autumn term. We are pleased with how well the children have settled in and the progress they are already making. We can't wait to see how much they will continue to learn this term!

Maths: In Maths, the children will be learning about the place value of numbers to 20. They will use their number bonds to support them with adding and subtracting 1- and 2-digit numbers to 20 including solving one-step and missing number problems. They will also be developing their understanding of how to count in multiples of twos, fives and tens. Towards the end of the term the children will focus on measuring and comparing the height and length of objects using non-standard and standard units of measure.

English: In English this term we will be reading a story about a shy, little mouse who goes on a journey of self-discovery and finds out that even the smallest of creatures can have the heart of a lion. The children will explore the role of the characters, the structure of the text and the use of language as well and engage in lots of roleplay and discussions. Finally, they will plan and write a journey story of their own which combines all of their learning.



Learning Adventure –

In **Science** this term the children will examine a variety of materials and learn about their different properties. They will investigate simple physical processes and learn how to predict, test and collect results.

In **Geography**, the children will study the local area, draw detailed maps from a 'bird's eye view' of the school grounds and identify human and physical features that they have found. They will also learn how to use compasses to navigate direction (North,

South, East and West). Finally, they will learn about the U.K, identify the capital city, the surrounding countries and understand where it is located within the world.

In **Art** this term we will be creating artwork inspired by James Rizzi, exploring how to mix colours and study the various shapes and patterns he uses in his art. In **DT** we will be using a variety of moving mechanisms such as sliders, levers and pivots to make moving pictures.

PE will be delivered twice a week on **Monday** and **Wednesday**. Please ensure that your child is wearing their P.E top and their shorts and pumps or trainers are in their bag, in school at all times.

Homework All homework will now be set online for both Maths and English. Maths and English homework is set on EdShed on alternate weeks, Numbots is set every week and Spellings are sent home weekly. Homework will be set on a Friday and due on a Wednesday. Spelling tests will take place on a Wednesday.

Reading We put a high emphasis on reading in school with daily reading and spelling activities. It's our expectation that all children read **at least 3 times per week** at home. We ask that parents read with their children and **sign the home journals** at least 3 times a week (ideally every night).

Planners/ Messages Please ensure your child's home journal is in school every day (signed on a Friday). If you wish to deliver a message to your child's teachers please use the home journal as a form of communication, however please send your child into the class with their journal if there is a message in.

