



Year 1 Newsletter Spring B Half Term 2026

Message from Mrs Ashton, Mrs Crompton and Mrs Forrest:

Welcome back. I hope you all had a wonderful break.

This half term we have lots of exciting learning planned including abstract art, an elephant loose in Stalybridge (hook for English unit, not really) and learning more about the history of where we live!

In Class 2, please ensure that your child has their name in all items of clothing - especially jumpers and cardigans (as well as P.E. kits). Also packed lunches need your child's name and class to be clearly labelled.

If you have any queries, please come and see me after school.

Thank you

In English we will be learning about..

Elephant by Petr Horacek

We will be writing our own versions of the story as well as a non-chronological report.

We will also be using adjectives, adverbs and conjunctions such as because and so. We will also be looking at past tense verbs.

HANDWRITING SESSIONS WILL BE COMPLETED DURING THE WEEK.

You can help your child by:

Hearing them read regularly and signing their records.

Helping them learn their weekly spellings.

Encouraging your child to take pride in the presentation of their homework.

Read packaging on foods and labels. Share instructions together when cooking.

In Maths we will be learning about...

Exploring numbers up to 50

Exploring Measure - Length and capacity

Revising our addition and subtraction within 20 and place value (tens and ones)

You can help your child by:

Helping them with their homework.

Recognising numbers in the environment.

Adding and subtracting simple numbers with objects around the house.

PE



Please ensure your child keeps a named P.E in school. Class P.E days are **Friday**. This term we will have netball. If the weather is fine the children will be going outside.

In other subjects we will be learning about...

History- Local area study

Science - Materials

Art - Piet Mondrian

Computing - Purple Mash

RE - How and why do we celebrate sacred times?

PE - Netball **Music** - Rhythm in the Way we Walk

HeartSmart - Don't Hold on to What is Wrong

Homework

Thank you for your continued support with homework.

Reading: Please read with your child every day, even if it is a quick 5 mins, it all helps. Inside your child's book bag there is a reading record for you to fill in with any comments about your child's reading. The reading record also include lots of information about reading and word/phonics lists.

Spellings: The children will be given a list of spellings on a **Friday**, linked to their spelling and phonics work, which will be tested the following **Thursday**.

Homework: This will be given out on a Friday to be handed in the following Wednesday. It will have a Maths or English focus. Please encourage your child to complete their homework and hand it in on time.,

Rewards



We continue to collect house point for our house as well as achieving the star of the day in class. It is always very hard to pick! Also, we collect marbles in a jar to earn a class treat.