



# Year 1 Newsletter

## Spring Term

Welcome back!

We hope that you have had a lovely half term. It finally feels like Spring is on it's way with the lighter nights being most welcome. We'll be encouraging the children to look out for signs of Spring over the coming weeks so please help them to keep their eyes open for new growth and new life when you're out and about. Reading continues to be central to all of our learning in Year 1. We will continue to hear the children read regularly in school and ask that you do so at home as well. Alongside their reading books please encourage them to read widely and for pleasure. This may include books and magazines from home, books from the library and even recipes, instructions and menus. Please encourage your children to use their developing reading skills when you're out with them to enable the children to see the importance and value of being able to read.

Many thanks, Mrs Sharrock and The Year 1 Team

### Key Dates

**Monday 2nd March**—Parents Evening

**Wednesday 4th March**—Parents Evening

**Thursday 5th March**—World Book Day

**Friday 13th March**—Mother's Day Event

**Tuesday 17th March**—Y1 Football Tournament, 3.15pm-4pm @ Bridgewater.

(Information will be shared with those taking part)

**Friday 21st March**—Downs Syndrome Awareness Day

**Wednesday 25th March**—Year 1 class trip to Imagine That!

**Thursday 2nd April**—Easter Eggs and Bonnets

### Reading

Your child will read at least twice a week in Year 1. One of these will be a teacher led, group Guided Reading session and the other will be 1:1 reading with an adult. Please ensure your child has their books in school every day and try to read at least x4 each week at home. Your child's reading book will link to their learning in phonics and they will also have a tricky word book mark in their planner. Please support them in learning how to **read** and **spell** these words.

To encourage reading for pleasure and to promote a love for reading, we will continue to run Class Library every Friday. We want these books to be enjoyed by all of our children and their families so please could we ask that they are handled with care.

### PE Reminders

Our P.E. days for this half term will be **Wednesday** and **Friday**. Your child will require an indoor kit which should include pumps and not trainers for both sessions. Earrings are not to be worn for PE and should be removed. If your child cannot remove their own earrings please take them out before they come to school. Please ensure all items of PE kit and school uniform are clearly labelled with your child's name.

### **Keep up to date...**

Please keep checking our class webpage for blogs and updates. A half termly update of photographs will be shared via a group conversation on School Spider.

## ENGLISH

In English we will be sharing the text *The Naughty Bus* by Alexis by Jan and Jerry Oke. We will be continuing to focus on writing in full sentences along with using adjectives to make our writing exciting. We will also begin to use simple conjunctions in our sentences to add more detail.

## MATHS

In Maths we will be focusing on the place value of numbers up to 50 before moving onto adding and subtracting with these numbers. Later in the term we will begin our first measurement units as we look at length, height, mass and volume and we will also be working on our knowledge of 2D and 3D shapes.

## SCIENCE

Our Science unit is based on Materials and we will be spending time identifying different materials and their properties. We will be taking part in some exciting investigations such as finding out why astronauts wear nappies and testing out the strength and flexibility of different materials.

# Our Curriculum Overview

## COMPUTING

We will be continuing with our Maze Explorers unit this half term as we continue to develop our coding and problem solving skills.

## GEOGRAPHY

In Geography we will be finding out how the weather affects our lives as we explore different types of weather and how the weather is different in different parts of the world.

## D.T.

In D.T. we will be looking at how windmills are built and what they are used for. We will then be designing and making our own

## R.E.

In R.E. we will be looking at sacred spaces and different places of worship. We will be looking at different religions and their different places of worship.

# Home Learning

## English & Maths

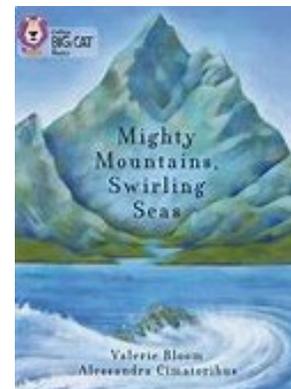
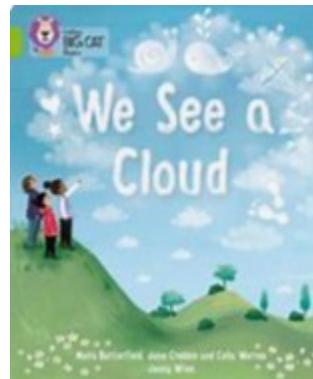
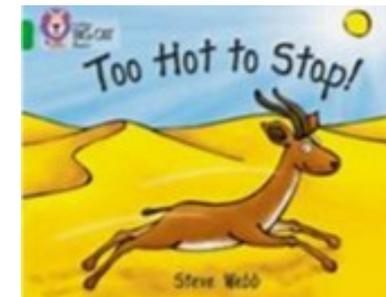
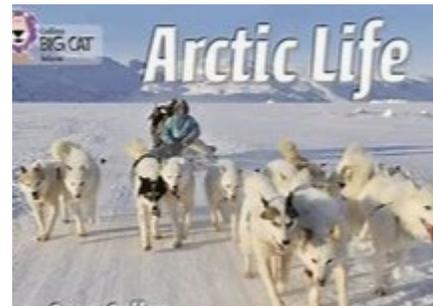
Learning to spell the Year 1 common exception words is something that we will be focusing on this half term. Copies of these words can be found on our webpage. Please support your children in recognising 2D and 3D shapes at home as an extension of their learning in school. Rapid recall of number bonds to 10 will also greatly support their learning.

## Phonics/Spelling

Phonics sessions will continue to take place daily in school and spellings will come home each Friday to recap the sounds taught in school that week. In the summer term, all children working within age related expectations will take a statutory phonics screening check. In preparation for this, some children may bring home additional phonics tasks including flash cards, games or nonsense words to support them in their recognition of sounds and their segmenting and blending skills. Children will also continue to bring home regular phonics newsletters, please use these to support their learning at home.

To further support independent reading for pleasure, take a look at the suggestions below that are linked to specific topics and authors we are focusing on this half

term:



## Online Resources

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/counting>

<http://phonicsplay.co.uk>