



Year 1 news!



I hope you have had a lovely time over the Christmas holidays, the children have certainly returned to school keen to continue their learning journey. I hope that you and your child are enjoying the new challenges and approaches to learning that Year 1 has to offer.

Topics for Spring Term

Our topic for this half term is 'Where would you live – a hot or cold country?' As geographers we will be looking at countries around the world, focusing on the Arctic and the Sahara Desert. We will be using geographical vocabulary to describe what we have learnt.

As historians we will investigate traditions of these countries, focusing on their similarities and differences.

In design and technology we will be designing and making our own animal masks.

The continuing science theme for this half term is 'Materials'. The children will investigate and discuss different types of materials and their properties.

In RE we will be reading and discussing different stories from the Bible, such as Jonah and the Whale.

During this half term we will be reading a wide range of stories in literacy lessons. We will be exploring the characters and settings from the different stories. The children will be asked to create their own characters and write their own story. Children will continue to take part in phonics lessons every day.

In numeracy lessons we will continue to build on your child's number skills. Please help your child with doubling and halving numbers to 20. E.g. $5 + 5 = 10$, $7 + 7 = 14$, $10 \div 2 = 5$, $14 \div 2 = 7$

Helpful Reminders...

- The children will be doing **PE** on **Tuesday** or **Thursday**. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school and that all items are clearly labelled with your child's name.
- Reading books will be changed every Monday and Thursday. You should encourage your child to read at home every day as regular reading makes a real difference to a child's progress in all areas of the curriculum. Please ensure that your child's reading log is signed. We would like each child to put their reading book in the green tray once the book has been read. This tray is clearly labelled and is kept in the cloakroom.
- Homework will be given when it is appropriate to the topic.
- Please let the school office know if your contact details have changed during the half term holidays.
- If you have any concerns or queries about your child, please see myself or Mrs Mathers at the end of the school day.