



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 'Are all countries the same'? As geographers we will be looking at countries around the world, focusing on Canada, Italy and Africa. We will be using geographical vocabulary to describe what we have learnt.

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

In design and technology we will be designing and making our own masks for our masquerade ball, and also making pizzas.

The science theme for this half term is 'Sound'. The children will listen to and discuss different types of sound, and look at how sound travels.

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. $5 + 5 = 10$, $7 + 7 = 14$.

Helpful Reminders...

- The children will be doing **PE** on **Thursday**. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school and that all items are clearly labelled with your child's name.
- Any letters or reply slips which need to be returned to school can be put into your child's book bag. The children are encouraged to check their book bags each morning and give things in during registration.
- Reading books will be changed every Tuesday and Friday. You should encourage your child to read at home every day. Please ensure that your child's reading log is signed. We would like each child to put their reading book in the blue 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 holiday.
- If you have any questions or concerns, please speak to Miss **Blomfield** or Mrs Mathers at the beginning or end of the school day