



# Year 1 news!



I hope you have had a lovely time over the half term break, 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 'Who were the incredible inventors?' As historians we will be looking at the history of the Stone Age, and also the lives of inventors Alexander Graham Bell and John Montagu. We will be using historical vocabulary to describe what we have learnt.

As geographers we will look at the birth places of these inventors.

In design and technology we will be designing and making our own sandwiches and also making our very own clay pots.

The science theme for this half term is 'Plants'. The children will use their observational skills to identify different types of plants and trees.

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 their number bonds to 10. E.g.  $1 + 9 = 10$ ,  $5 + 5 = 10$ ,  $7 + 3 = 10$ .

## 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 Monday and Thursday. 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