



Year 1 Spring 2024



Welcome back to a new term in Year 1! We hope you had a lovely Christmas break and have enjoyed spending time with family and friends. We are very much looking forward to continuing this term with lots of fun, engaging and creative learning opportunities.

We know that your children learn best when we all work together. If you ever have any questions or concerns, please raise these with your child's class teacher first. If you feel that this does not resolve things, you can then contact the Year Team Leader (Miss Phillips) to arrange a meeting. We are looking forward to working with you all again this term.



Projects



Our project this half term is called 'The world beyond my window'. We will be learning all about Ghana and its capital city Accra and comparing its human and physical features to that of the United Kingdom and Southampton. In Science, we will be learning about different groups of animals and exploring what they need to survive. In Art, we will be creating our own hessian butterfly art inspired by the artist Heather Everitt. We are also really looking forward to cooking homemade soup in the teaching kitchen.

After the half term break, our project will be 'A drop in the ocean'. We will be learning the names of the world's oceans and the continents that they surround. We will be investigating the threat of plastic pollution on our sea life and exploring how small changes can have a big impact. In Art, we will be learning about the artist Georgia O'Keeffe and creating our own observational drawings of shells. In Science, we will be describing and comparing the structure of a variety of common animals (birds, fish, amphibians, reptiles, mammals and invertebrates).

How can you best support your child's learning?

The best way to support your child's learning at home is to read with them every day. We know that home life can be very busy and school can be very tiring for children in Year 1! However, the impact of reading, being read to and sharing stories every day is invaluable for your child's learning and development.

We will also be bringing home small blue booklets for your child to practise their 'tricky words' in at home. These words are words that cannot be sounded out and need to be learnt by sight memory. Each week we will have a go at writing them from memory in class.

Dates for the diary!

Oceanarium visitor – Friday 1st March 2024

Half Term - 12th- 16th February 2024

INSET Day – Monday 19th February 2024

Parents' Evenings - Tuesday 27th and Thursday 29th February 2024

World Book Day (dress up as your favourite book character) – Thursday 7th March 2024

Author visit- Tuesday 12th March

Year 1 Celebration – Wednesday 20th March 2024

Market Place - Thursday 8th February and Thursday 28th March 2024



Our Year 1 Market Day group will be very busy making natural art bookmarks to sell at the market.

Days to note...

Monday – Outdoor PE (Hockey)

Wednesday – Indoor PE (Gymnastics)

Please make sure that all PE bags are in to school on these days.

Friday - Library

Please ensure library books are in their book bags so that they can be changed each week.



Parent helpers!



As always, parent help is extremely appreciated and has such an impact on the support we are able to provide for the children. We would absolutely love to have parents in to support with reading or intervention groups. If this is something you would be interested in, please contact your child's class teacher.



ClassDojo

Thank you to all of you who are using Dojo. It really does support communication and helps you to see what your child has been busy learning in class. Every Friday, there is a class story with an overview of what we have been learning each week. If you wish to do any follow up learning with your child, please refer to the class story for ideas on the things we have been covering to help them consolidate the learning.