



Spring 1 Newsletter

Welcome to 2025!

We hope you have had a wonderful winter break and are ready for an action packed Spring 1!



Our learning will be centred around this term.

History and Geography

This half term our focus will be on jobs in our local area. We will be learning about some of the job roles that are carried out in the city and comparing them to job roles that may be found in the countryside. We will also be looking at how some jobs have changed over time.

Reading

In year 1, we use the RWI programme to support reading. To support your child at home, please read with your child as often as you can. This can include them being read to as well as listening to them read. Please leave a comment in their yellow reading log when you have read with your child.

Writing

Our writing units this half term...

Narrative: Year 1 will be reading the story 'The Elves and the Shoemaker'. They will then retell the story after learning the story through roleplay.

Instructions: Year 1 will have the opportunity to make pizza and then write step by step instructions to take home.

Narrative with a change: Once year 1 have become familiar with the story 'The Elves and the Shoemaker', they will be retelling the story with a change. We will be writing our own narrative 'The Elves and the Pizza Maker'.

Maths

In Maths this half term, we will be covering:

Subtraction within 20 - subtraction by crossing out, subtraction by counting back,

Addition within 20 - addition by counting on, addition by making 10, addition by adding ones.

Shape and patterns - Recognising and grouping 2D and 3D shapes

Dates for your Diary

Monday 6th January INSET day for Nursery, Reception and Years 1 -6

Monday 6th January Preschool opens

Tuesday 7th January Schools resumes for Early Years and Years 1 -6

Thursday 9th January Family Drop In, 3-5pm, meet the SEND Team

Thursday 16th January Family Drop In, 3-5pm, meet the SEND Team

Friday 24th January Year 1 Strong and Bendy Trip

Friday 14th February Family Sharing Year 1

Friday 14th February FRoG's Annual Valentines Ball

Campaign

Our class campaign this term links to Keep Connected. The children will be learning how to stay connected with the community through interviewing different people about their jobs from the community.

Science

This term in science we will be learning all about animals! We will be learning how to classify animal groups and naming their key features. We will also be learning about animal diets.

ICT

This term year 1 will be introduced to early programming concepts. We will be using beebots to explore individual commands. We will explore each command for the floor robot, and use that knowledge to start predicting the outcome of programs.

PSHE

In PSHE we will explore our dreams and goals. We will discuss how to set simple goals and set small steps to achieve them. We will also work to tackle new challenges and understand how this might stretch our learning.

RE

In RE this term, Year 1 will be learning about Hinduism and Diwali. Our key question is 'What does Diwali teach Hindus about good and evil?'

PE

Class PE Day: **Friday**

Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing their PE kit on **Fridays**.

Music

In music, we will continue learning about rhythm and beat through learning a new song called 'In the Groove' which is based on jazz music.

Spanish

In Spanish, our focus for this half term is food. We will be learning the names of different fruits and popular meals.

Art and DT

In art this term we will be learning how to transfer a pattern onto paper using paint printing.

Please come and speak with me if you have any questions or concerns and I look forward to working with you all.

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