



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

In Geography, we will be learning about The Seven Wonders of the World. We will locate these wonders in an atlas using our knowledge of lines of longitude and latitude. We will work to create a travel guide about three of these

## Reading

This half term we will be reading Epic Fails by Erik Slader as our class reader. We will practise our summarising skills by identifying the main events from what we have read and completing summaries in our reading logs. It is a book full of historical failures!

Our reading lessons will focus on a range of reading skills including:

- Finding information in the text
- Understanding new vocabulary in context and considering why an author uses these words
- Using clues from the text to work out the feelings of characters
- Making predictions about what will happen next

To support your child at home, please read with them every day. Children can also access Reading Plus at home using the link below:

<https://student.readingplus.com/seereader/api/sec/>

## Writing

This unit is linked to our geography unit and the theme of flight. The Wright brothers trialled many ways of flying before eventually taking flight. Children are invited to trial a range of ways to make an egg fly and then write a scientific report based on their findings. They are then invited to use their trials and tribulations to write a humorous story based on the Epic Fails of their egg-cellent discovery. Children will be taught how to use homophones for humorous effect and how to use their failures as examples of how 'not to' do things, with eventual success. The children will then write a newspaper article based on the Wright brothers first flight.

Please support your child's spelling at home by encouraging them to learn their weekly spellings and complete spelling activities on Spellzone using the link below:

<https://www.spellzone.com/>

Their username and password can be found on the inside cover of their homework book.

## Maths

In Maths this half term, we will be covering:

**Multiplication and Division**- using mental and written strategies to multiply by one and two digit numbers. In addition, we will learn about factors, multiples and prime numbers.

[Factors, multiples and primes - KS2 Maths - BBC Bitesize](#)

**Graphs**- we will learn how to draw and read picture graphs, bar charts and line graphs.

**Fractions**- we will learn how to write mixed fractions and how to show them on a number line. We will also find equivalent and improper fractions. Finally we will solve word problems that involve fractions.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zhdwxnb>

## Dates for your Diary

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

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

Wednesday 22nd January Year 4 London Transport Museum Trip

Friday 24th January Family Sharing Year 4

Friday 14th February FROG's Annual Valentines Ball



## Campaign

Our class campaign this term is linked to 'Keep Green.' We will be learning about how to reduce our carbon footprint through exploring topics such as how to create a strategy to reduce the school's carbon footprint and through creating an information video about how to reduce our school's carbon footprint.

## Science

Our Science topic this half term will be 'Sound.' We will explore how we hear through investigating how the ear works. We will explore how the intensity of a sound is measured

We will develop our scientific skills by planning our investigation, selecting our equipment, recording our results and observations, drawing conclusions and evaluating the accuracy of our investigation and results.

The links below provide some useful information about the forces we will be studying:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zgffr82>

## ICT

Our topic this half term is 'Programming- repetition in Shapes. Pupils will create programs by planning, modifying, and testing commands to create shapes and patterns. They will use Logo, a text-based programming language.

## PSHE

This half term our PSHE unit is 'Dreams and Goals.' During this topic, the children will think about how to stay motivated when something is challenging. As well as how to help other people achieve their goals.

## RE

Our focus religion this half term is Islam. Our key question is: Does completing a pilgrimage make a person a better Muslim?

## PE

PE lessons this half term will focus on Tag Rugby.

Class PE Day: **Monday**

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

## Music

The children will be exploring rock and roll music through looking at the music of The Beatles.

## Spanish

In Spanish, our focus for this half term is 'Food.' The children will learn how to use language linked to school dinners.

## Art and DT

This half term in DT, the children will learn about air travel and use printing as a medium.

**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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