



Year 1 Spring 1 Newsletter 2023

Meet the Team



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Introductions

Welcome back to all children and parents we hope you have had a lovely half term break.

Topic Overview & Key Text

Our key text this term will be 'Dogger' by Shirley Hughes. The story is all about a boy called Dave and his soft brown toy called Dogger. One day Dave loses Dogger and has to go and find him.

Maths

In maths, we will continue to focus on addition and subtraction initially between ten and then moving to numbers up to twenty. We will also focus on place value of numbers up to twenty and spend some time looking at 2D and 3D shapes.

Writing

In English we will be working towards writing a story based on our key text 'Dogger'. We will continue using our Talk for Writing approach to support the children with the writing process. Along the way we will be building our knowledge of composing and structuring sentences. We will orally retell the story using actions and a story map to help us. The children will practise using their phonetic knowledge to help them to write unfamiliar words. The children will also be exposed to writing a piece of non-fiction text and poetry towards the end of the half term.

Reading

All of the children in Year 1 will attend daily phonics lessons using the Read Write Inc. phonics programme. Your child will be issued with a new Read Write Inc book every Tuesday and Friday. They will also bring colour banded book home for challenge. A library book will also be sent home to reinforce reading for pleasure. Children are expected to read their RWI book at home every day. **Please ensure that your child has their reading book and reading record in their book bag every day.**

Homework

We will use the online platform Seesaw to set homework. Your child will receive homework on a **Friday** and it should be completed by the following Monday. **Homework** will consist of a weekly spelling task (containing the Year 1 common exception words) and a maths task linked to the maths objective that has been taught that week. **Your child should read their reading book every day at home too.**

Year 1

We will be continuing with our thematic curriculum that creates meaningful links between the children's learning in English, science, humanities and creative arts with our key text as the main driver.

Science: Children will learn about seasonal changes and the weather.

Design Technology: Children will design and make a hand puppet using a running stitch.

History: We will be looking at how toys have over time.

PSHE: This term in PSHE we will be focusing on keeping safe in school and at home.

Computing: The children will learn to program a LEGO robot.

RE: The children will learn about different celebrations including Chinese New Year.



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Year 1 Routines

Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays
Forest Schools (1A)	Forest Schools (1B)	Homework completed	PE – please bring correct kit: black shorts or jogging bottoms and a white t shirt. Trainers or pumps are required.	New homework and spellings set.

School opens for all pupils on **Wednesday 4th January 2022**. Gates will be open from 8:40am.

School closes for the end of term on Friday 17th of February and reopens on Tuesday 28th February.