

# Year 1 Newsletter

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## Happy New Year

Welcome back we hope you have had a great break and are all rested and ready for the Spring term. We can't believe the super progress that was made last term and are super proud of all of year 1—they made choosing the achievement award very tricky. I am setting the children the challenge of learning to tie shoe laces this half term, starting this week. I will upload the rhyme and resources we are using to seesaw.



## Maths

We will begin this term looking at 2d shape and 3d shapes. We will learn the term edge means a straight side. We will also explore repeating patterns with shape.

Following this we will revisit revisiting our number bonds to 10 using cuisenaire rods. We are working on ensuring children are fluent with recognising numbers and how they are made up using part whole models. E.g.  $7 = 6 + 1$ ,  $7 = 5 + 2$ ,  $7 = 4 + 3$ ,  $7 = 3 + 4$ ,  $4 = 7 - 3$ ,  $3 = 7 - 4$  etc. It is important we build this knowledge securely and fluently as it is key in unlocking maths.

## Science

This half term we will be learning about materials. We will start by finding out what materials are and sorting them before looking at their properties and investigating which are waterproof and which are transparent/opaque. You can support learning in science by talking about what objects around the home are made from and why that material might have been chosen.

## What else are we are learning?

**English** ~ Instruction writing & Non-Chronological Report

**Computing** ~ Lego Builders, Maze Exploreres

**Music** ~ In the Groove

**RE** ~ Was it always easy for Jesus to show friendship?

**PSHE** ~ Going for Goals

**Art** ~ Landscapes using media



## Phonics & Reading

In summer term we will be completing the phonics screening check. This involves your child reading real and nonsense words that contain phase 2 – 5 sounds. We are now learning our phase 5 graphemes (letters) and corresponding phoneme (sound) so please try and practise any sounds your child hasn't secured yet when we send home the new phonics sheets on Thursday. Please use the class webpage to find resources like sound mats and list of tricky words your child should be able to read.

Please try and return all books on a **Thursday** as we need to track the phonic readers as these come in sets of 6 and we are finding we are having spend a lot of time chasing books up and checking we have full sets back. Don't forget you can access the online books and reading activities through Reading Eggs.



## PE

**Monday & Thursday** are our PE days. Please only send lace trainers if they can tie their own laces.

Kit is black/navy joggers, blue t-shirt and blue school hoody or school jumper/cardigan. Hats and thin gloves can be worn with coats outside.