

Year 1 Newsletter: Spring 1



Dear Parent/Carer,

Happy New Year! We hope you had a lovely Christmas and are enjoying a healthy and happy start to 2026. We would like to give you a brief outline of the work your child will be covering this half term.

Maths

Number: Place Value – Children will count to 50, forwards and backwards, beginning with 0 or 1, or from a given number. They will read and write numbers from 1-50 in numerals and words, and count in multiples of 10s, 2s and 5s.

Number: Subtraction and Addition – Children will represent and use number bonds and related subtraction facts (within 20). They will add and subtract one digit numbers and two digit numbers (to 20), including zero. We will be looking at solving one-step problems that involve addition and subtraction and missing number problems.

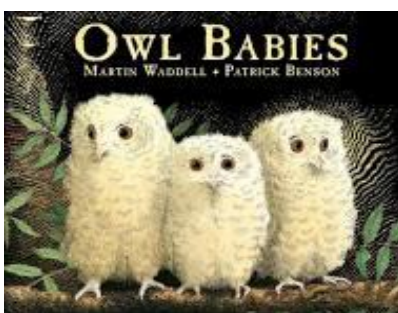
English

Children will be researching Birds of Prey to link with this half terms book 'Owl Babies'. Children will discover all there is to know about owls before creating a fact file. We will then build up to re-writing the beginning of the 'Owl Babies' story.

Children will continue to develop their handwriting through our handwriting scheme. Children will also be taking part in reading sessions focussing on a reading skill and will read 1:1 with an adult fortnightly. We will continue to work through our Floppy's phonics scheme with streamed daily sessions.

Art

This half term the children will be learning about the famous artist Wassily Kandinsky. They will also learn about colour mixing using paint and the colour wheel.



Science

The children will be looking at **Seasonal Changes**. They will observe changes within each season. Children will work scientifically to create tables and charts representing weathers linked with each season and how the day length varies. Children will be able to say how to stay safe and healthy in each season.

RE

Children will look at what it means to belong and understand that symbols have meanings. They will talk about what makes a place special and learn about the Christianity and Muslim faith.

Computing

This half term we will be learning about digital printing. Children will be working on an iPad to create their own digital paintings. The children will be using a range of tools: paintbrush, pencils, eraser, fill tool and undo tool.

PE

This half term we will be completing Unit 4 'Creative Skills' of our Real PE scheme. Children will be exploring ball skills and taking part in counter balance activities.

PSHE

Children will be looking at what makes themselves and others special. They will investigate their roles and responsibilities within school and learn how to co-operate with others.

Music

Children will be working independently and in small groups to create different sounds and simple sequences with the Boom whacker. They will learn how to create a simple sequence with a rest beat.

Geography

In Geography we are going to be comparing life in Antarctica with life in the UK. We will look at the physical and human features of the continent, write facts and make discoveries using aerial photographs.

Our' Place in 'Our' World.

We will develop our knowledge of the wider world by researching significant people from the past and learning about how they have had an impact in the world. We will develop an awareness of our roles and responsibilities within school and at home.

Aspiring Entrepreneurs

As Aspiring Entrepreneurs, we will begin to challenge ourselves to use different learning styles. We will apply different skills to complete a given challenge during our growth mindset week and we will reflect on our work and evaluate which style worked best for us.

Healthy and Happy Living

In PE, we will promote positive relationships through learning to work as part of a team. We will use our imagination to set ourselves more challenging goals.

Inquisitive Investigators

As Inquisitive Investigators, we will deepen our knowledge of different learning styles. Through exploring a range of media, we will create our own portraits based on the work of famous artists.

Important information to remember:

- For this half term PE will continue to take place on a Tuesday morning for all classes. Please can children come to school wearing school PE kit suitable for outdoor PE (where possible).
- Year 1s allocated day for returning book bags is a **Thursday**. Please bring your child's book bag in on that day so that we can take out their previous reading books and send home their next reading book on the Friday.
- Please ensure that your child brings a water bottle every day clearly labelled with their name.
- Please continue to practise your child's weekly spellings and big maths facts. We will test the children every Friday and send home the results that they achieve.
- We would also like your child to practise their number bonds to 10 e.g. $4+6=10$. They need to know them off by heart as well as knowing the related subtraction facts. We will move onto number bonds to 20 this half term.

Thank you for your continued support ☺

Miss Charlton, Mrs Campbell and Miss Cassidy