

YEAR ONE'S HALF-TERMLY NEWSLETTER – Spring 1

What a wonderful time we had last half term. We thoroughly enjoyed all the fun of advent, particularly our retelling of the Nativity. We look forward to beginning 2025 with lots more exciting learning ahead! Mrs Hart is joining us for this half term, swapping places with Mr Dawn and I'm sure you will all join me in welcoming her to our school. Mr Dawn will be back in our class from Spring 2 for the remainder of the year.

Mrs Markwick (Class teacher) & Mrs Hart (Associate Teacher).

PE KIT

PE will continue to take place on **Wednesdays** this half term. Please send your child to school in their full plain navy PE kit on Wednesdays.

5BE experience

On Tuesday 13th February we will be visited by Knowsley Safari Park to learn all about conservation.

Reading

The children will continue to take two reading books home based on their Read Write Inc lessons. These books aim to enable children to retrieve words practiced in their lessons and are intended to be fully decodable. Please make use of the speedy green words sent home as the children need to read these speedily before moving onto the next book band.

Reading Packs

Please ensure your child's reading pack is in their bag each day. Inside the pack should **only** be: their 2 school reading books, diary and any letters to be returned. Your child will remove this pack from their bag in the morning and place it into their colour box; this makes daily routines such as handing letters out and hearing readers much more efficient.

Thank you for your support with this.

Home-time

A reminder that for safeguarding purposes, you must inform a member of staff (preferably the class teacher) if you wish your child to be collected by an adult that does not usually collect them.

Our E-safety focus this half term:



ACCEPTING Think carefully before you click on or open something online (e.g. links, adverts, friend requests, photos) as you never know where they may lead to or they may contain viruses. Do not accept something if you are unsure of who the person is or what they've sent you.

Our class worship team 2 will lead our worship on Thursday 5th February.

Please see overleaf for an overview of our studies this half term.



Jesus said, 'Come follow me, live your lives the way God wants you to.'



Year One Curriculum Map

In the first spring term, we will be learning about:

Maths We will continue to follow the Singapore 'Maths No Problem' approach. Pupils will explore mathematical concepts through real life contexts. We will begin by continuing our work on numbers to 20. We will then explore addition and subtraction within 20. We will use Numicon to visualise these. We will also explore shape and pattern and length and height.	Read Write Inc The children will continue to be grouped (based on phonics assessments) for their daily Read Write Inc phonics session and reading. We will begin daily whole class English lessons based around the book "Hermelin" by Mini Grey. Spelling tests will focus on common exception words (red words) to allow children to grow more confident with these in independent writing.	RE In RE, our unit is called "Jesus was special". We will explore the following key Christian values: friendship, compassion & trust. We will explore Bible stories that reveal Jesus' power and divine nature. This will lead us to talk about how and why Jesus was special. We will link this to our lives, and how we build and keep friendships.
Computing We will learn how to programme a Beebot to follow instructions. We will try and programme our Beebots to follow a route on a map. We will learn how important it is to check our algorithm for simple errors.	Geography In our second Geography unit of the year, we will study the United Kingdom. We will first explore the Union Jack, and how this is a hybrid of other flags which represented the union of the countries. We will then study each country in the United Kingdom to help us to understand their similarities and differences.	Science Seasons and the Weather This half term we will learn about some of the tools meteorologists use to measure the weather. We will learn about the different types of cloud before taking on the role of a weather forecaster!
PE- Wednesdays In PE, we will complete a gymnastics unit where we will develop the skills to produce a sequence of movements on and off apparatus showcasing wide, narrow and curled shapes. We will learn to perform our sequences with balance and control.	PHSE My Happy Mind- Appreciate. This module is all about teaching children the importance of gratitude. We will help pupils develop what we call an 'Attitude of Gratitude' (taking the time to stop and think about all there is to be grateful for).	Art This half term we will focus on the language of art. We will explore the different styles of art, the stories each piece tells and how characters are represented in artwork. We will concentrate on the artist Van Gogh and the famous 'Starry Night' painting he produced before creating our own version of this.

Home Learning Menu

Year 1 Spring 1 Science (Seasons and the Weather)

Get Creative

Create your own tools to measure the weather. Then collect data from them over a week.



Oh, the places you'll go!

Visit a science museum such as:

**IMAGINE THAT! SCIENCE
AND DISCOVERY CENTRE
IN LIVERPOOL**



“Physical sciences”, within
Liverpool’s World Museum

Time to Teach

Can you teach your family the 3 types of cloud we have studied? Perhaps you could get them to replicate them using cotton wool on paper.



stratus

cumulus



cirrus

Reason to Research

Research weather forecasts online and explore one of the questions:

Which part of The United Kingdom will be the coldest next week?

Which part of The United Kingdom will get the most rain next week?

Remember to use the internet safety- always ask an adult first!

Ready to Report

- Create a report on your visit to the science attraction of your choice.
- Report on your findings from your tools to measure the weather. What does your data show? Perhaps you could present this in a graph?

Have it your own way!

Explore the topic further in any you choose.

Use our curriculum map and knowledge organisers on our class webpage to find out more about our focus topics this half term.

You can choose any subject to research further.

