

# Year 1 Newsletter

Year 1 Spring 1



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What a great Autumn Term we had! Here are our highlights from the second half of that term:



**Book Bags**— Please bring in your book bag every day.

**PE**— PE for Year 1 is on **Wednesday**.

Please make sure that your child has their PE kit in school.

During the cold weather, they may prefer long trousers rather than shorts.

All children must have appropriate footwear and long hair needs to be tied back. Earrings need to be removed.

**Library**— Year 1 will visit the school library on **Wednesdays**. They will bring home a book to share with you and return the following week.

## Diary Dates

**INSET Days for the year:**

Tuesday 2nd January 2024

Thursday 28th March 2024

Friday 28th June 2024

**Newsletter challenge:**

Together with your child, answer the questions on this newsletter and tick the boxes when you have!



## Home reading

It is very important for your child to bring their book bag in **every day**.

Please take time to listen to your child read and tick the box on the Reading Record Card. Children need to read **4 times a week** at home as part of our reading challenge and to earn themselves prizes!

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## Maths

The focus for this half term in maths is counting, partitioning and solving problems using our number bonds within 10.

Please continue practising counting forwards and backwards in ones and twos.

**When you find a number can you tell your grown up one more or one less than that number? Try this when you walk to school by looking at door numbers.**

## Science

As scientists this half term, we will be learning about materials.

What materials are things made of in your home?

Wood? Paper?  
Card? Metal?

In RE we are going to be learning about Jesus as a friend.

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

How do you show friendship at school and at home?

## History

As historians, we will be learning about toys from the past.

What toys did your parents and grandparents play with?

How are they different?

## English

This half term in English we will be looking closely at stories about **Winter**. We will be looking at characters in the story and working towards retelling a story.



What do you think about winter?  
What is your favourite thing?  
What do you not like?

When you have read a story at home, can your child retell the story to you?

## Art

As artists, we will be developing our printing skills!

Find out who Andy Warhol is. What do you think about his art?

### I Can Build a Snowman

I can build a snowman,

I can build it high.

I can build a snowman,

Up into the sky.

Read this poem at home together

Do you like it? Why?

Can you draw a picture of the snowman from the poem?