

# Year 1 Newsletter

## Autumn 2



Welcome back to Autumn 2.

The children worked really hard in their first term of Year 1 and we are really impressed with the enthusiasm they have shown.

Here are some photos of our learning in Autumn 1:



This is an exciting half term as we begin to think about our nativity. Keep an eye out for more details to follow!



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

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

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

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

## Diary Dates

### **INSET Days for the year:**

Monday 4th November 2024  
Friday 14th February 2025  
Friday 4th April 2025  
Friday 27th June 2025

### **Newsletter challenge:**

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



## Home reading

Your child will come home with a Reading Record Card. They will change their book every week. 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

We will be learning to count in 2's and practising sharing amounts into equal groups. We will also be thinking about 2D and 3D shapes and recognising half a shape.

We will continue to develop our number knowledge, knowing one more and one less and all the different addition facts for numbers up to 10.

What shapes can you spot around your home?

## Science

As scientists this half term, we will be looking for signs of autumn and continuing to think about different animals.

What signs of autumn can you spot?

In RE, we are going to be learning about the Christmas Story. Our Key Question is:

What gifts would Christians today give baby Jesus?

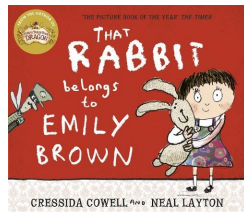
## History

In History, we will be learning about Mary Anning and why she is an important historical figure.

Can you find out any information about her?

## English

This half term in English, we will be reading stories about toys. The stories will help us to practise our retelling skills.



We will be using our phonics skills to help us write words and sentences, listening carefully to the sounds we can hear and writing them down in order.

Can you read and spell these tricky words?

He she come some they are of I



## Music

As musicians we will be learning our songs ready for our Year 1 Nativity.

Can you retell the story of Christmas?

In phonics this half term, the children will continue to learn some of the new alternative pronunciations. They will continue to read 5 times a week in school. Their book will come home for them to read to you.

In PSHE this half term, we will be talking about similarities and differences between the children in our class and valuing these differences.

What similarities can you see between you and your grown up?