

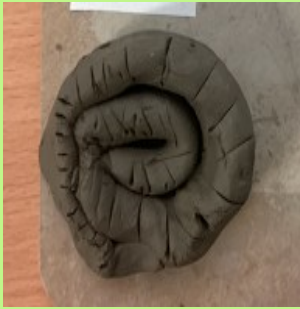
# Year 1 Newsletter

Year 1 Spring 1



Welcome back! We hope you had a wonderful Christmas break.

What a great Autumn Term we had! Here are our highlights from the second half of Autumn 2:



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

**PE**— PE for Year 1 is on **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. Earrings need to be removed or taped.

**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:**

Friday 13th February 2026

Friday 27th March 2026

Friday 26th June 2026

### **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 place value within 20 and addition and subtraction. We will begin by developing a deeper understanding of teen numbers and eventually moving to 50. We will also be finding numbers that add together to make numbers within 20.

**Pick a number within 20. 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?

## Geography

In Geography this half term, we will be looking at what makes up The United Kingdom.

Can you name the four countries of the United Kingdom?

## 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 like 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?