



# Year 1 Newsletter

## Autumn 2—2023/2024



### Notices and Reminders

Please ensure:

- Five reads are completed at home as a priority for home learning;
- Water bottles only contain water;
- Jumpers and cardigans are clearly labelled;
- Long hair is tied back.

### Phonics

We are learning the Phase 5 sounds:

/or/ <au>, /ee/ <ey>, /ai/ <a-e>, /ee/ <e-e>, /igh/ <l-e>, /oa/ <o-e>, /oo/ /y+oo/ <u-e>, /s/ <c>, /ee/ <y>, and /or/ <al>.

We are learning to read the harder to read and spell words:

Please, once, any, many, again, who, whole, where, two.



### Key dates

Monday, 4th December 9am -  
Rocksteady concert for parents of  
children who have Rocksteady lessons

*CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS - Monday  
18th December to Monday 1st January*

Back to school - Tuesday 2nd January  
2024

*INSET DAY - Monday 15th January 2024*

*INSET DAY - Thursday 28th March 2024*

*Further dates will be added in due  
course.*

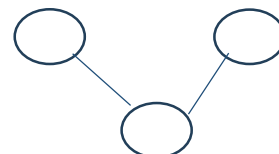
### Writing

We are going to be using 'Talk for Writing' to learn the story and then write it. We will focus on using capital letters at the start of sentences and full stops at the end.



### Maths

In Maths this half term we will be learning about addition and subtraction. We will learn that addition problems can be solved by using parts and wholes. We will learn about fact families and that addition and subtraction are the inverse of each other.



## Science

As Scientists this half term, we will be exploring different materials and comparing their properties. We will begin to use terminology such as transparent, opaque, hard, soft, rigid and flexible. We will then use our knowledge about the properties of different materials to design a new sleigh for Father Christmas, giving scientific reasons for our choices.



## Geography

Our big question this half term is 'What are the continents and oceans of the world?'. We will learn the names of the seven continents and the five oceans of the world. We will learn how to locate the continents and oceans on a map and globe. We will know that Africa is the hottest continent and that Antarctica is very cold.



## Art

In Art this half term, we are learning about painting. The children will develop their knowledge about primary and secondary colours using colour wheels. We will look at artwork by Joan Miro, who created surrealist paintings. We will recreate a surrealist painting of Miro's using thin and thick brushes.



## PE

Our focus this half term is dance. We will name the muscles children need to build up when dancing. We will explore different travelling movements and a range of jumps. We will learn that a dance phrase/ sequence is a series of dance movements. We will learn about balance and finish by creating simple dance phrases.



## RE

Our unit this term is all about Jesus . We will learn about when Jesus was born, about the parables that he told and the miracles that he performed. We will be thinking about how Jesus was able to come back to life after his crucifixion.



## PSHE

We are learning all about how to stay healthy. We will be looking at what a healthy diet is and sorting healthy and less healthy foods. We will be thinking about how to keep our bodies and our minds healthy. We will be focusing on things we can do to help our mind stay happy and healthy.



## Homework

Please see details on Seesaw and in home learning books. The home learning activities link closely to the topics and texts that we are using in class. Please complete one or more, as time allows for your individual circumstance. Please send your work in via Seesaw. **Most importantly, remember your five reads!**

## Suggested books for reading

[https://www.booksfortopics.com/  
booklists/recommended-  
reads/year-1/](https://www.booksfortopics.com/booklists/recommended-reads/year-1/)