



Year 1 Newsletter

Autumn 2—2024/2025



Notices and Reminders

Remember to bring in the following daily please:

- Water bottle
- Reading book and diary

Also remember:

- Come to school dressed in your PE kit on your PE day (Tuesday)

Key dates

- **Weds 27th November** - deadline for booking Christmas lunch
- **Mon 9th December 9.00am** - Rocksteady concert for any children who take part in Rocksteady lessons
- **Weds 11th December** - Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
- **Fri 20th December** - *end of term, finish at 1:30pm*
- **CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS - Monday 23rd Dec - Fri 3rd Jan**

Term dates can be found on our website here: <https://www.hale.kite.academy/news-and-events/term-dates/>

Further dates will be added in due course.

Phonics

In phonics the children will be learning these 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>.

They are learning to read the harder to read and spell words: please, once, any, many, again, who, whole, where, two.

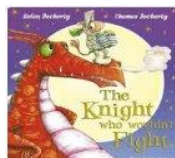


Writing

This half term in writing, the children will be learning some stories by heart. They will then write them using their phonic knowledge before undertaking some simple editing.

The texts the children will learn are:

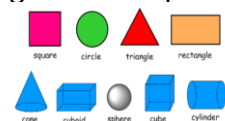
- Supertato
- The Knight Who Wouldn't Fight



Maths

Over the half term, the children will continue their learning on addition and subtraction. They will use resources such as counters, tens frames and part-whole models to support their understanding of this.

The children will also learn how to recognise, name and sort 3D and 2D shapes. They will use this knowledge to help them with identifying and creating their own patterns.



Science

This half term the children will be exploring different materials and comparing their properties. They will use terminology such as: transparent, opaque, hard, soft, rigid and flexible. The children will be carrying out an investigation about absorption. They will then use their knowledge about the properties of different materials to design a new sleigh for Father Christmas, giving scientific reasons for our choices.



Geography

This half term in geography, the big question is 'What are the continents and oceans of the world?'. The children will be looking at globes and atlases to support their learning. They will then learn the names of the 7 continents and the five oceans of the world.



DT

This half term in DT, the children will be making fruit smoothies. They will start by learning all about fruits and vegetables, including how they grow. They will then learn how to prepare fruit safely, before using a recipe to make their own fruit smoothies.



PE

This half term, the children will be dancing their way through PE! They will be learning how to travel safely from one place to another, jumping and balancing. They will then be learning dance sequences using a series of movements to some awesome songs!



Computing

This half term in computing, the children will be learning what technology is as well as how to use it safely and successfully. There will be a focus on how to 'smile' and stay safe when using technology.



PSHE

The children will be learning how to stay healthy this half term. They will be looking at what a healthy diet is and sorting healthy and less healthy foods. They will then be thinking about how to keep their bodies and minds healthy. They will be focusing on things they can do to help their minds stay happy and healthy.



Homework

- 5 reads a week (new reading books will be handed out in week 4 as per our Essential Letters and Sounds phonics reading scheme's requirement)
- Practise of number bonds to ten each week (alternating a paper-based task one week and online the next)
- One task (or more) each half term from the home learning sheet sent out for your year group

Suggested books for reading

