

Year 1 Newsletter



Welcome to Year 1! We are very excited to welcome you all into your new class for September. Here you will find all of the important information to help best prepare your child for Year 1.

Diary Dates for this half term

12th September:

Parents Phonics Meeting

30th September:

Class photos

11th October:

KS1 Harvest Assembly

14th November:

Odd Socks Day

18th November:

Children in Need

19th December:

British Tea Party for parents

4th December:

KS1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal

11th December:

KS1 Nativity AM

12th December:

KS1 Nativity PM

16th December:

Christmas Dinner Day

Christmas Party

Enquiry

This term's enquiry has a Geography theme, focusing on the UK. We will be learning all about the 4 countries that make up the UK: England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. Throughout our enquiry sessions this term we are going to be answering the question, "**What Makes the UK Unique?**" Each week we will be building up our knowledge to answer our main question.

This term we will be looking at:

Week 1 – We will begin by focusing on locating the UK on globes and atlases. We will learn how to use an atlas and globe, learning that the green part is land, and the blue parts are seas and oceans. We will also learn that in the UK we have 4 seasons, each with different weather.

Week 2 – We will practice using compasses, learning that they show North, East, South and West. We will learn about the Great British Monarchy, and Queen Elizabeth II.

Week 3 – Our focus this week will be on England. We will learn that London is the capital city of England.

Week 4 – We will move onto learning about another country in the UK; Scotland. We will learn that the capital city of Scotland is Edinburgh, and that they have the same monarchy as us in England.

Week 5 – In this week, our focus will be on Wales. We will discover that the capital city of Wales is Cardiff and that they are also ruled by our monarchy.

Week 6 – Finally, we will learn about Northern Ireland. We will learn that the capital city of Northern Ireland is Belfast and that they are also ruled by the same monarchy as us.

Week 7 – We will learn how to work geographically, by learning about human and physical features. We will conduct our own investigation into the physical and human features of Sutton-In-Ashfield.

Week 8 – In week 8, we will begin to focus on art. We will be making a tourist keyring to reflect a chosen country in the UK.

Week 9 – We will learn about the weather in the UK and will begin to use and recognise the main weather symbols.

Week 10 – We will apply our knowledge of seasons, and know the seasonal patterns in the UK.

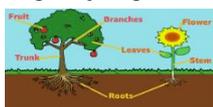
Science

This term in Science, we will be learning lots of new things.

We will be learning all living things and their habitats. We will learn about flowering plants and that they have a stem, roots, leaves and a flower. We will learn that trees have a trunk, roots, branches, leaves and some have fruit.

Using this knowledge, we will learn that trees can be deciduous and evergreen. Deciduous trees lose their leaves in Autumn, and evergreen trees keep their leaves all year round.

We will also learn about seasons. We will learn that seasons affect the length of day and night.



PE

Year 1 have PE on **Tuesdays** and **Fridays**. Children should come to school in their PE kit and can stay in it all day. Our PE kit is a plain white t-shirt, black or navy shorts/PE skirt, black or navy tracksuit bottoms or leggings, plimsolls or trainers for outside games. This term we are doing dance.



Reading

It is essential that pupils are encouraged to read at home to develop their fluency, vocabulary and it will open many more doors to their learning. The children will bring home a decodable reading book for them to read to you at home. Please remember to write in their reading diaries each time you read together, as each time they read **three** or more times a week, they get a raffle ticket entered into a prize draw each week.



Each child has a login for the **Numbots** app. This is a fun way for children to develop their number sense and each week they can win certificates for the most correct answers and the most coins collected.

Please ensure your child has their name in all their belongings to prevent them being lost.

Homework

On Dojo you have access to our home learning menus. This is a great and fun way of further supporting your child's learning at home. There will also be activities posted on Dojo. Don't forget to pick and choose the activities and upload your evidence to Dojo to gain Dojo points. These can be done at any point up until the end of the term. Please check your child's bag as we will be sending out additional worksheets to be completed at home.

