

Year 1 Newsletter



Welcome back to Year 1! Here you will find all of the important information to help best prepare your child for Spring Term in Year 1.

Diary Dates for this half term

- 15th January – Victorian Day Trip
- 9th February – Children's Mental Health Week
- 10th February – Safer Internet Day
- 16th February – Half term
- 23rd February – INSET Day
- 5th March – World Book Day
- 8th & 9th March – Parents Evening
- 9th March – British Science Week and Assessment Week
- 16th March – Neurodiversity Celebration Week
- 20th March – Red Nose Day
- 26th March – Toy Workshop
- 27th March – End of term

Science

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

We will be learning about Materials and Their Properties.

Throughout this unit we will learn the difference between an object and the material it is made from. We will learn about the properties of everyday materials such as if they are waterproof, opaque or transparent and flexible or stiff.

We will then learn about Charles Macintosh (the scientist who invented the raincoat).

We will conduct a series of scientific investigations to find the best materials to make an umbrella.



Enquiry

This term's enquiry has a History driver, focusing on how play has changed from the 1800s until the present day. We will be learning all about play in the past and how it compares to how we play now. We will also learn about the Victorian times and compare Victorian life to life now. Throughout our enquiry sessions this term, we are going to be answering the question, "How Has Play Changed?" Each week we will be building up our knowledge to answer our main question.

This term we will be looking at:

Week 1 – Our date of birth and where that sits on a timeline. We will also begin to explore toys from the 1800s.

Week 2 – We will ask questions about the toys that we explored and begin to learn the difference between fact and fiction.

Week 3 – We will learn about art forms in the past and present day. We will practice observational drawing.

Week 4 – We will learn about Queen Victoria and why she was a significant leader.

Week 5 – We will learn about toys in the early 1900s and compare play in the Victorian times to play in the early 1900s.

Week 6 – We will know about how play developed in the mid-1900s and learn from memories. We will learn that memories are not always completely reliable.

Week 7 – We will learn about toys from the late 1900s and early 2000s. We will also compare toys from the present to toys from the past.

Week 8 – We will begin a Design Technology unit where we will be designing and making our own functional toy.

Week 9 – We will start to make our own functional toy.

Week 10 – We will be visited by toy makers and make our own wooden toy that moves.

Week 11 – We will invite parents in to show them what we have been learning about.

PE

Year 1 have PE on **Mondays** and **Tuesdays**. 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.

