

Year 1 Newsletter – Autumn Term



Welcome to Year 1! We hope you had a great summer. We are all so excited to get started on our fantastic new enquiry. Come and find out all about it...

Who's who?

Mrs Downie – class teacher



Mrs Stafford/Miss Challands –
TAs



Diary Dates for this term

Thursday 17th September - Welcome
to Year 1 meeting

Friday 18th September – Individual
photos

Tuesday 22nd September – Walk to
Kingsmill Reservoir (info to follow)

Thursday 24th September – Year 1
Phonics meeting

Monday 19th – Friday 30th October -
October Half Term

Friday 13th November – Children in
Need

Tuesday 1st December – Afternoon tea
for parents – PM (info to follow)

Wednesday 2nd December – Parents
Evening

Thursday 3rd December – Parents
Evening

Monday 7th December – sewing a
bauble activity (info to follow)

Thursday 10th December – Christmas
jumper day

Tuesday 15th December – KS1 Nativity
(info to follow)

Wednesday 16th December – Panto
trip

Thursday 17th December – Christmas
party/Christmas dinner

Enquiry



This term's enquiry is a geography theme. 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 this question.

Week 1 - This week, children will be learning about what makes them unique, including their personal strengths, talents and qualities. They will also explore the different groups they belong to, such as their family, class, school and community, helping them to develop a sense of identity and belonging.

Week 2 - Children will be learning that families can be different and that in the UK we value and respect all family types. They will also learn about the purpose of an address and why it is important for identifying where people live and helping services such as the post office and emergency services.

Week 3 - Children will be exploring the key human and physical features of Sutton-in-Ashfield and learning how to collect and record data. They will then take part in a walk to the reservoir, where they will observe the local environment and apply their geography skills in a real-life setting.

Week 4 - This week, children will be learning how to use a compass and identify the four main directions: North, South, East and West. They will also learn about the British monarchy, exploring the role of the King and the importance of the monarchy in the United Kingdom.

Week 5 - Children will be learning about the characteristics of England, including its landmarks, traditions and geographical features. They will also learn to name and locate England's capital city, London, and explore what makes England a unique part of the United Kingdom.

Week 6 - This week, children will be learning about the key features of England and identifying them using aerial photographs. They will also begin exploring the characteristics of Northern Ireland, learning about its location, landmarks and what makes it a unique part of the United Kingdom.

Week 7 - This week, children will be learning about the characteristics of Scotland. They will explore Scotland's capital city, Edinburgh, identify where it is located on a map, and learn about some of Scotland's key human and physical features, helping them to understand what makes this part of the United Kingdom unique.

Week 8 - This week, children will be learning about the characteristics of Wales, including its location, capital city and key human and physical features. They will also compare a city and a town by exploring the differences between London and Sutton-in-Ashfield, helping them to understand how places can vary in size, population and amenities.

Week 9 - Children will be learning to recognise and name the main weather symbols used in forecasts. They will also compare daily weather patterns across different parts of the UK, helping them to understand how weather can vary from place to place.

Week 10 - This week, children will be learning basic sculpting techniques, including rolling, pinching and kneading. They will then use these skills to design and create their own sculpture, developing their creativity and fine motor skills.

Week 11 - Our Afternoon Tea afternoon! More details will be sent out closer to the time but we will be making our own sandwiches and inviting you in for a delicious afternoon tea.

Week 12 - This week, children will be designing their own Christmas card, thinking carefully about their ideas and how to make their card appealing. They will then learn and practice simple sewing techniques to create a festive Christmas card, developing their creativity and fine motor skills.

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. You can 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.



PE

Year 1 have PE on **Tuesday and Thursday**.

Children should come to school in their PE kit and can stay in it all day. Please ensure if your child has their ears pierced that they come to school with their earrings either out or covered with plasters. We will be doing team games and gymnastics in our lessons.

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 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 feel free to come and speak to me on the playground in a morning from 8:30 to 8:40. After school, you are welcome to pop over but if you could wait until all the children have been dismissed that would be great! You are always welcome to pop me a message on Dojo too!



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