

Year 1 Newsletter

Summer Term 1

Welcome back Year 1, we hope you all had a lovely break. We cannot wait to get started on another brilliant term and we have lots of exciting learning to look forward to! If you have any concerns at all, please do not hesitate to contact a member of staff from Year 1. We are always happy to help.



This term we will be reading lots of traditional tales such as 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff' to help us write our own fairy tales. We will also be reading 'Great women who worked wonders' to help us write a non-fiction piece about inspiring people in our own lives. We will develop our performance skills using role play and story actions to help us understand our key texts. We will continue to improve our writing skills by using adjectives, conjunctions and a range of punctuation.

Key vocabulary:

adjectives fairy tale fiction
non-fiction conjunctions
full stops exclamation marks
capital letters verbs



Mathematics

This half term, we will continue to consolidate the maths skills we have learnt, such as counting forwards and backwards, subitising, addition and subtraction.

We will also begin looking at simple multiplication and division. We will practise counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and will learn to make equal groups, doubles and arrays.

We will investigate position and direction by looking at positional language and describing turns.

Towards the end of this term, we will begin to extend our knowledge of place value to include numbers up to 100.

Key vocabulary

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| share | equal | group | pattern |
| pairs | array | column | row |
| position | turn | quarter | half |



SCIENCE

This term in Science our topic is 'On Safari'. As part of this topic, we will be looking at the plants, bugs and invertebrates that live in our local area.

We will be going on our own 'safari' hunt for invertebrates and minibeasts. We will observe these creatures in their habitats and discuss our findings. We will then learn to name and compare the features of these animals and classify them into groups.

Key Vocabulary:

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| Abdomen | food chain | invertebrate |
| Antennae | habitat | thorax |
| Detritivore | head | vertebrate |
| Exoskeleton | insect | |



Phonics!

This term, we will be consolidating the phonics knowledge and skills we have gathered in previous terms.

We will be looking at alternative spellings for different sounds and focusing on using the correct spelling when writing words e.g. ai, ay or a_e. We will practice decoding familiar words with speed and fluency, whilst also using our phonics knowledge to decode unfamiliar or alien words.



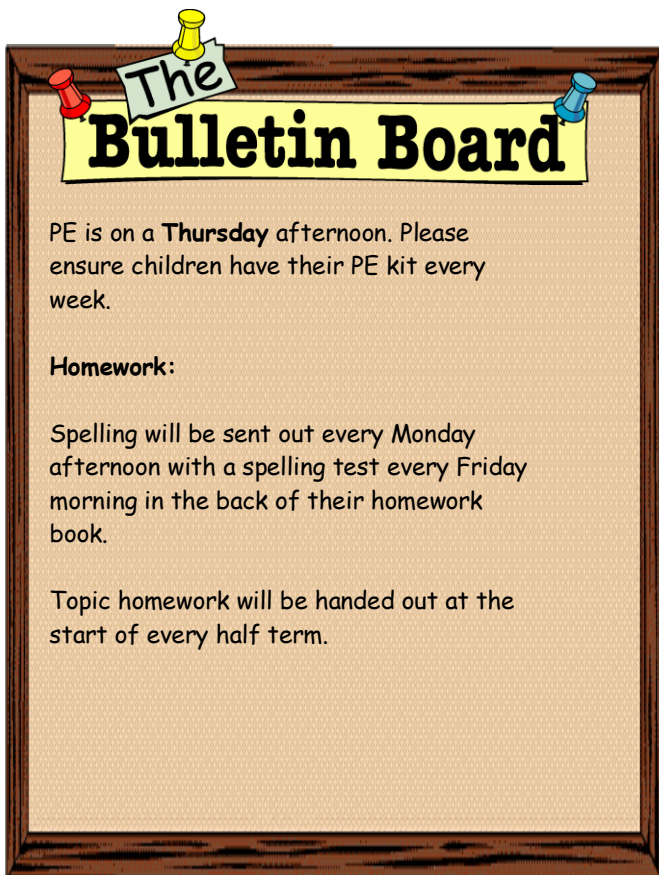
Other Curriculum Areas

PE - In PE this term, we will be learning how to play simple net games such as tennis and badminton.

PSHE - In PSHE this term, we will be thinking about physical health and mental wellbeing. We will look at topics such as healthy eating, exercise, sleep and sun safety.

Computing - In computing this term, we will be creating our own sound patterns using ScratchJr and GarageBand.

DT - In DT this term, we will be having our own picnic. We will be planning and preparing our own healthy sandwiches to eat at our picnic.




The Bulletin Board

PE is on a **Thursday** afternoon. Please ensure children have their PE kit every week.

Homework:

Spelling will be sent out every Monday afternoon with a spelling test every Friday morning in the back of their homework book.

Topic homework will be handed out at the start of every half term.



IMPORTANT DATES

School Closed - Monday 3 May (May Day)

Parents' evenings - 4/5/6 May

Close - Friday 28 May

Open - Monday 7 June

E-safety link: <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/>



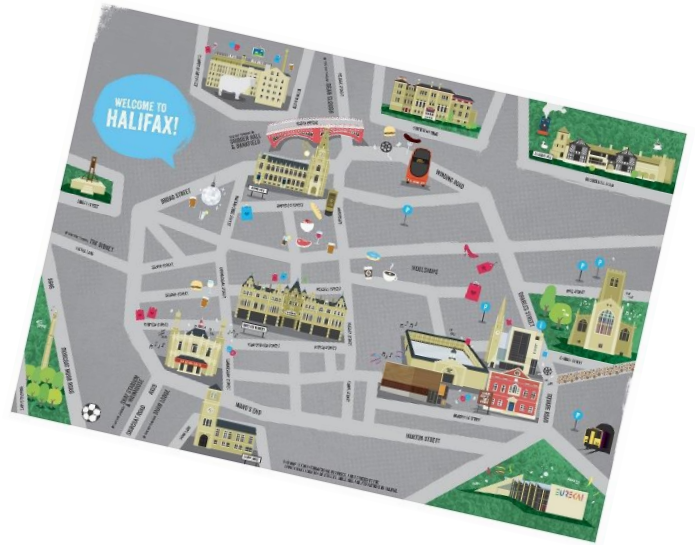
It's time to find out about...

School Days!

Local History

We will begin this topic by looking at the address, location and history of our school.

We will then extend this by looking at the history of our local area of Halifax and the significance of this history within the Victorian Era.



Victorians!

This term Year 1 will start to learn about the Victorian Era.

We will find out who Queen Victoria was and when she reigned.

We will also look at what houses, jobs, transport and entertainment was like in Victorian times.

Schooling!

During this topic, we will be looking at a typical school day in Victorian times. We will be thinking about how lessons, equipment, discipline and teaching were different to how they are now. Children will also decide whether they think school days were better in the Victorian Era or the present day.

