

Year 1 Newsletter

Welcome to Term 2! We have lots of exciting learning and activities lined up for you this term and we can't wait to share them with you. If you have any concerns at all, please do not hesitate to contact any member of the Year 1 team, we are always happy to help!



This term, we will be using the Julia Donaldson text, 'Dinosaur Diary', to inspire us to write our own diary entries. We will be continuing to think about sentence structure, but will also be learning about descriptive language, question marks and exclamation marks.

In the second half of the term, we will look at non-fiction texts about dinosaurs. We will use our knowledge to create our own fact files about dinosaurs.

Key vocabulary:

full stop	capital letter
question mark	exclamation mark
diary	description

Mathematics

This half term, we will be learning about addition and subtraction.

We will be using a variety of strategies to add and subtract numbers within 10, such as part whole models, bar models and writing number sentences. We will use lots of practical resources to help us with our learning.

Towards the end of term, we will learn about 2D and 3D shapes. We will be making sure we can name the shapes and will begin to talk about their properties.

Key vocabulary

addition	subtraction	part	whole
model	shape		
sides	corners		edges



SCIENCE

This term in Science our topic is 'Materials'.

We will be looking at the different types of materials we have, naming the material an object is made from and beginning to think about the properties of a material.

We will use our knowledge to carry out simple investigations, to find out which material would be most suitable for a purpose.

Key Vocabulary:

material	plastic	metal
Rock	glass	wood
strong	property	weak



Phonics!

In phonics, children will continue to be grouped across EYFS and KS1, according to their current phonics knowledge.

They will receive two phonics sessions daily. The first will be a speed sound session, where we will learn and recap specific sounds and words. The second session is a storybook session, where children apply their phonics knowledge to read books that are phonetically matched to their level.



Other Curriculum Areas

History – In History this term, we will be learning about life in the 1950s. We will look at what day to day life, childhood and schooling was like in the 1950s and will discuss the similarities and differences to life in the present day. We will also learn about the coronation of Queen Elizabeth.

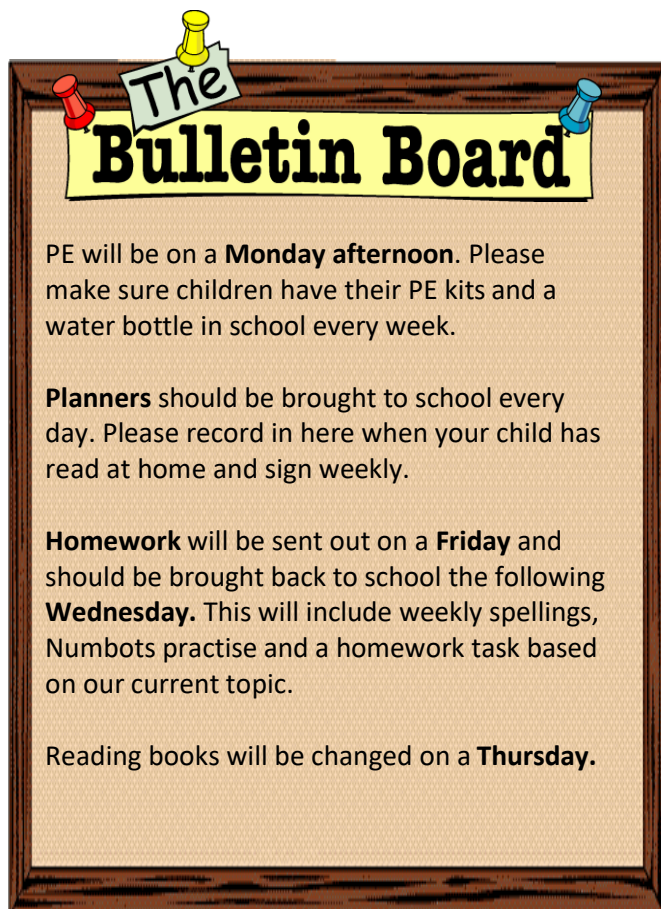
PE – In PE this term, our topic is dance. We will be learning and performing a simple dance routine to a song from The Lion King.

PSHE – In PSHE this term, our topic is healthy lifestyles. We will be looking at the different things we can do to keep our minds and bodies healthy and why this is important.

RE – In RE this term, we will be learning about how Christians celebrate Christmas. We will be learning about the Christmas story, the signs and traditions of Christmas and the period of advent.

Computing – In computing this term, we will be continuing to use the laptops. We will use the paint program to create our own digital artwork and will be learning to save and retrieve our work.

DT – In DT this term, we will be using sewing techniques to design and make our own glove puppets.



The Bulletin Board

PE will be on a **Monday afternoon**. Please make sure children have their PE kits and a water bottle in school every week.

Planners should be brought to school every day. Please record in here when your child has read at home and sign weekly.

Homework will be sent out on a **Friday** and should be brought back to school the following **Wednesday**. This will include weekly spellings, Numbots practise and a homework task based on our current topic.

Reading books will be changed on a **Thursday**.



IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 7, 14, 21 & 28 - Energy Heroes

Friday 18 - Individual and sibling photos

Friday 18 - Children in Need

Tuesday 22 - whole school nasal flu immunisation

Wednesday 23 - FoSC Autumn disco December

Friday 2 - Overgate Reindeer run

Wednesday 7 - Crafts with Rev'd Kathryn (3.30pm)

Friday 9 - Secret Santa (9.30 - 10.30)

Wednesday 14 - Christmas dinner & Christmas Jumper day

Wednesday 14 - Victoria Theatre trip to Sleeping Beauty (pantomime)

Thursday 15 - Santa visit

Uniform - Thank you for ensuring your child has the correct school uniform - they look very smart. Thank you also for your support in ensuring that jewellery and nail varnish is not worn for school. Small ear studs are permitted.