



January Newsletter for Year 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Spring Term 1! We hope you all had a restful break and are ready for another exciting term of learning and exploration. Here's a look at what the children will be learning, upcoming events, and how you can support your child's development at home.

What We've Been Learning

English

This term, we are focusing on sentence structure and grammar. The children are learning:

- How to identify nouns (subject) and verbs.
- Writing simple sentences with a subject and verb.
- Using capital letters at the beginning of sentences and full stops at the end.
- Capitalising names, places, days of the week, and the pronoun 'I'.

We are using the book *Supertato* to inspire our learning. The children will create their own sentences and practice identifying verbs and nouns in the story.

How you can help: When reading with your child, ask them to point out the nouns and verbs. Encourage them to make simple sentences using these words.

Maths

In Maths, we are focusing on:

- Identifying, representing, comparing, and ordering numbers to 20.
- Reading, writing, and telling the time to o'clock and half past on an analogue clock.
- Sequencing daily activities and learning whole and half turns linked to time.
- Using addition and subtraction strategies with part-part-whole models and number lines.

How you can help: Use daily routines to practice telling the time and counting. Discuss and compare numbers, and encourage your child to solve simple addition and subtraction problems.



Project: “Come Fly With Me! Arctic Circle”

Our Project this half term focuses on the Arctic region. The children will learn about:

- The location, weather, and climate of the Arctic.
- The wildlife and how animals adapt to the cold.
- Inuit people, their traditions, and customs.

How you can help: Discuss the Arctic at home. Look at maps to locate the Arctic Circle and talk about the animals that live there. Explore books or documentaries about the Inuit people.

R.E. Local Church - Community: Celebrating

The children will explore different types of celebrations and what we need in order to take part in these celebrations. The children will wonder about how they feel during celebrations. The children will then learn The Presentation Story and how Jesus was taken to the temple and Simeon proclaimed that Jesus would be 'The light of the world.' The children will learn to retell The Presentation Story, recognising and retelling words and phrases from the story. Finally the children will celebrate Jesus, the light of the world with a class liturgy.

Upcoming Events

- **Winter Walk:** Date to be confirmed.
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Important Reminders

- **PE Days:** PE is on Thursdays. Please ensure your child wears comfortable clothing and appropriate footwear.
 - **Water Bottles:** Send a labelled water bottle daily.
 - **Labelled Clothing:** Ensure all clothing items, especially jumpers and coats, are clearly labelled.
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How You Can Help at Home

- **Read together daily:** Identify verbs and nouns in stories. Discuss what is happening in the story.
 - **Practice telling the time:** Use clocks around your home to practice identifying o'clock and half past.
 - **Explore maps:** Encourage your child to locate countries, oceans, and landmarks.
 - **Encourage independence:** Practice putting on coats, fastening shoes, and managing belongings independently.
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Contact Us

We are always here to support you and your child. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to speak to us at drop-off or pick-up, or contact us through the school office.

We look forward to another fantastic term of fun, learning, and growth!

Best wishes,

Mrs. Brotherton and the Year 1 Team