



# Year One Newsletter: Spring 1 2025


Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! We hope you've had a lovely break over Christmas. Here are a few notes about this term to help you understand what we are learning about and to give some extra information and useful reminders.

Our topic this half term will be *Wonderful World*. We will be looking at the seven continents and the animals that live there. We will read a selection of books including *Handa's Surprise*. In maths we will continue to learn to count, read and write numbers to 20. We shall explore a range of calculations using addition and subtraction and we will also be counting in 2's, 5's and 10's. We would like to thank you for your continued support and welcome any volunteers in school or on our educational visits throughout the year. Further details of our curriculum can be found on the school website.




Please feel free to contact us with any queries or suggestions.

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Our Learning Theme	Important Dates:	
 <p data-bbox="145 1108 560 1153">'Wonderful World'</p>	<p data-bbox="600 707 1075 741">23.01.25 - Captivating Creatures Visit</p> <p data-bbox="600 741 992 775">07.02.25 - NSPCC Number day</p>	
Homework	PE Days	
<p data-bbox="129 1245 839 1368">Every child will change their reading book each week. Please make sure your child reads their reading book every day as the additional practise makes all the difference.</p> <p data-bbox="129 1368 839 1496">Please encourage your child to use pure sounds when sounding out words e.g. 'mmm' not 'muh'. We will continue to send Phonics homework on a Friday when new graphemes/phonemes have been taught.</p> <p data-bbox="129 1532 839 1655">Please send your reading books and reading records back to school each day in your child's bookbag. Children will read with an adult in school three times a week.</p> <p data-bbox="129 1691 839 1848">As we progress through Year One we will continue to learn 'tricky words'. Please work with your child at home to read and spell their 'tricky words'. Once they are able to read them please send them back to school and we will send you the next set.</p>	<p data-bbox="874 1245 1123 1274"><b>Monday</b> – Outdoor</p> <p data-bbox="874 1274 1062 1303"><b>Friday</b> - Indoor</p> <p data-bbox="874 1303 1469 1402">Please ensure your child attends school in a full PE kit in school colours for those days including velcro trainers for outdoor PE.</p> <p data-bbox="874 1438 1142 1469"><b>Reading for Pleasure</b></p> <p data-bbox="874 1505 1461 1693">Please continue to read story books to your children - even as your children learn to read themselves. Being read to and discussing stories really develops a love of reading. Recommendations for amazing books can be found at</p> <p data-bbox="874 1693 1461 1758"><a href="https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/our-recommendations/100-best-books/">https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/our-recommendations/100-best-books/</a></p> <p data-bbox="874 1787 1469 1821"><a href="https://carnegiegreenaway.org.uk/tag/2020/">https://carnegiegreenaway.org.uk/tag/2020/</a></p>	



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Curriculum		
English	Maths	Science
<p>Text: <i>Handa's Surprise</i> <i>Lost and Found</i></p> <p>We will be focussing on developing comprehension skills.</p> <p>We will also be retelling and innovating the stories remembering capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.</p>	<p>We will continue to explore place value with numbers to 20.</p> <p>We will be focusing on addition and subtraction with amounts to 20.</p> <p>We will also be consolidating our number bonds to 10 and beginning to look at number bonds to 20.</p>	<p>In science we are exploring animals around the world. We will identify where animals live and what they look like.</p> <p>We will be looking at the different types of animals. Mammals, fish, birds, reptiles and amphibians.</p>
Humanities	Art/DT	Computing
<p>We will be looking at the UK and the weather and how people prepare for the different weathers.</p> <p>Locating parts of the UK.</p>	<p>Our theme in art will be colour mixing to create Antarctic animals. We are delighted to be working with our resident artist Sharon Snaylem this half term. As part of our exploration of colour, please can we ask you send in used coloured plastic e.g. a green plastic bottle, orange fruit netting etc</p>	<p>We will continue to learn about what algorithms are and how we can programme instructions.</p>
Oracy	Other	Year One Team
<p>We have been using oracy in our lessons through discussions, talk partners, games and songs.</p> <p>This term we will be working on trios (groups of three children with two speakers and one listener).</p> <p>Our question of the term is: <b>Is the weather the same in all of the UK?</b></p> <p>Sentence stems I think ... I believe ... I agree ... I disagree ... because ...</p>	<p>RE: We will be discussing what it means to belong to a church or mosque?</p> <p>PSHE: We will be discussing differences and learning how important it is to value differences.</p> <p>Music: We will be getting into the groove by listening to different styles of music.</p>	 <p>Mrs Austwick- Donaldson Class Teacher /Assistant Headteacher - Early Phase</p> <p>Miss Walton - Donaldson Class Teacher</p> <p>Miss Mullholland - Rosen Class Teacher</p>   <p>Mrs Butler - Early Phase LSA</p> <p>Miss James - Early Phase LSA</p> <p>Miss Sheikh - Early Phase LSA</p> <p>Miss Brett - HLTA</p>