



Spring 2 Newsletter



Welcome back to school. We hope you have had a lovely break and enjoyed some family time. We can't believe we are half-way through year 1! The children LOVED our last topic and we hope they are ready for our next exciting one! This half term our class theme is **VEHICLES.**



The whole school value is **KINDNESS.**

Healthy Week WC 17th March 2025 – Design Technology

Week 4 will be our school's healthy week. This week we are planning LOTS of exciting outdoor learning showing how being in the outdoors can keep them healthy and happy. We will be focusing heavily on positive wellbeing. We will be having the children complete outdoor tasks and games to promote crucial values such as self-belief, teamwork, resilience and problem solving. We will send out further information once this is all finalised, but we think the children will LOVE what we have planned for them! We will also be reading 'The Light Keepers Lunch' as a stimulus for our own sandwiches. We will make some designs, write a shopping list and walk to the shop to buy our ingredients. We will prepare our food safely- learning how to cut and grate our food before assembling our own healthy snack.

During this week we will also complete our PSHE learning on how to stay safe in the home by learning what substances are safe and unsafe to put into our bodies. We will look at hand hygiene, looking at how to make sure we prepare our food safely.

As part of our healthy week, the children will have the opportunity to use the balance bikes in the playground. This will prepare them and hopefully get them excited for the balance bikeability sessions, that will take place after Easter.

(separate letter to follow)

S FACTOR WC 19th MARCH 2025

The children are invited to perform a science experiment for the class. Children do not have to enter if they do not wish but all children are encouraged to. They will perform it initially to everyone in class, like a magic trick then ideally, they can try to explain the science behind it. From all the children entered, the top 3 children will be awarded a prize. The child in first place will go through to the school final on 19th March 2025. The finalists will repeat their experiment in front of the school and a selection of scientist judges where an overall winner will be announced. Please see the emails from Mr Harington for more details.

READING

We cannot emphasise enough, how important it is to read regularly with your child at home. It helps to create a love of learning but also massively impacts their ability to read. This half term we will be introducing reading certificates for children reading at least 3 times a week at home. Please support us with this by writing in your child's reading diary each time they read. Adults in school also try to add in targets and comments about progress in reading lessons for you to see and work on at home.

English

This half term is a big one for English as it sees the celebration of book week! We are very excited to be learning about our chosen author **ERIC CARLE**. We will be learning about him, reading lots of his books and even writing our own version his book Brown Bear. World Book Day will be on 6th March and will take place this week. **On this day, the children in class one can come to school dressed in their pyjamas!!**



We will also be looking at the wonderful book called 'Naughty Bus' by Jan and Jerry Oak. The children will write a police report which will allow them to practise their 'ed' endings before writing their own naughty vehicle story, using a vehicle of their choice!

As well as this we will be working a lot on the children's individual targets, supporting them to practise and achieve them.

Maths

This half term the children will be learning about addition and subtraction within numbers to 20. We will be using skills such as counting on and counting back and applying our number bond skills to support this. We will then progress to looking at numbers to 50, where we look closely at the tens and ones within a number to really understand it's value. Finally we will be introducing weight and height We continue to use Numicon, tens frames, part-part whole models and cubes to support our learning of concepts in maths.



<p><u>Science</u></p> <p>In science we are planting seeds and bulbs and knowing the difference between them. We are learning about the parts of a plant and what a plant needs to grow. We will link this to our learning about healthy week. We will look at which parts of the plants we can eat.</p> 	<p><u>RE</u></p> <p>In RE, we will be looking at the Easter Story and the importance of Easter in the Christian faith. This will link with our whole school Easter Service on Thursday 2nd April at St Thomas Church.</p> <p>We will sequence the story and use our writing skills to retell the story, trying hard to use our individual writing targets.</p> 																						
<p><u>Homework</u></p> <p>Reading is a massive focus in year one at the moment. Currently you have the group reading books <u>which need to be read 3 times a week</u>. We hope you are enjoying sharing these books with your children and seeing the progress they are all making. As well as reading, we ask that you support your child in learning <u>their weekly maths learn by heart facts and spellings</u>.</p>	<p><u>Dates for the Diary</u></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>WB 3.3.25</td><td>Book week</td></tr> <tr> <td>Thurs 6th Mar</td><td>World Book Day Dress Up in Pyjamas</td></tr> <tr> <td>WC 10th Mar</td><td>S Factor Class Heats</td></tr> <tr> <td>Weds 19th Mar</td><td>S Factor Final</td></tr> <tr> <td>Weds 12th Thurs 13th</td><td>Parents evenings</td></tr> <tr> <td>WB 17th Mar</td><td>Healthy Week</td></tr> <tr> <td>Fri 21th Mar</td><td>Comic Relief</td></tr> <tr> <td>Weds 2nd Apr</td><td>Easter Service (St Thomas Church)</td></tr> <tr> <td>Fri 4th Apr</td><td>Break Up</td></tr> <tr> <td>Tues 22nd Apr</td><td>Return to school</td></tr> <tr> <td>Tues 22nd Apr – Thurs 24th Apr</td><td>Bikeability</td></tr> </table>	WB 3.3.25	Book week	Thurs 6 th Mar	World Book Day Dress Up in Pyjamas	WC 10 th Mar	S Factor Class Heats	Weds 19 th Mar	S Factor Final	Weds 12 th Thurs 13 th	Parents evenings	WB 17 th Mar	Healthy Week	Fri 21 th Mar	Comic Relief	Weds 2 nd Apr	Easter Service (St Thomas Church)	Fri 4 th Apr	Break Up	Tues 22 nd Apr	Return to school	Tues 22 nd Apr – Thurs 24 th Apr	Bikeability
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<p><u>Phonics Screening Y1</u></p> <p>Year 1 have a national phonics screening test which takes place in June. We will be holding a parent meeting about this in the next few weeks. We will send more information about this once the date and time has been confirmed. This half term we will start to send phonics screening practise materials will be coming home in the form of a QR code. We will explain this further in the meeting. You will need to scan the QR code to gain access to practise materials. You should have your child read these words by - finding the diagraph, sound talking and blending to words. We will put these in the reading folders with the children's books this half term. One code will be sent home per week to help them practise in preparation for their phonics screening in June.</p>																							

Thank you for your continued support. If you have anything you wish to discuss you can:

*email the school office

*call school and leave a message for a member of staff to call you back

*if it is a quick matter, staff are on the doors each morning and evening

Year 1 Team