# Year 1 Newsletter

## Spring 1



Eastern Multi-Academy Trust Empower - Motivate - Aspire - Transform

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#### Dear Families,

We hope you had a Happy New Year and enjoyed a well-earned rest! We have a busy half-term ahead, packed with lots of learning.



In **Geography** this term, we will start a new topic and will learn about The United Kingdom. In addition, we will be using maps, atlases and globes to help us to name, identify and locate the four countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom.

In **History**, we will start another new topic, Kings and Queens. We will learn about the Magna Carta, Henry III, Charles I and Oliver Cromwell and our current monarch.

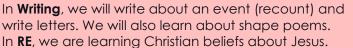
In **Science**, we are learning about Seasons and Weather. We will learn to describe the weather associated with seasons and examine the changes across the four seasons.

In **Art**, we are learning about architecture. We will analyse buildings such as Westminster Abbey, The Houses of Parliament and Southwark Cathedral. We will be focusing on the features of these buildings. In **Maths**, we are learning about Place Value within 20. We will use a range of resources to help us. We will then move on to Addition and Subtraction within 20.



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In **Reading**, we will use the stories 'The **Tale of Peter Rabbit' by Beatrix Potter** and 'Look Up!' **by Nathan Bryon** to help us find and retrieve key information. We will learn about inference - a make conclusions using reasoning or evidence to show our understanding of the text.



In **PSHE**, we will learn how to set goals and aspire to achieve more. In **Design and Technology**, we will learn about structures and make a windmill.

In **Computing**, we will learn how to use technology to write digitally by using a computer.

The Year 1 Team

### Home Reading Challenge

Children who have 25+ reads noted in their reading records over the half-term will receive a book mark

reward. The child with the highest number of reads from each class will receive a star reader badge.



Important Dates

Thurs 19th Jan - American food day (hot dinners) Wed 8-Feb- Parents Eve Thurs 9-Feb - Parents Eve w/c 13-Feb Half-Term

#### Home Learning

Spellings - please practise all week to help embed the learning into long term memory



**Reading** - please note in your child's reading record.

Please practise letter formation with your children, particularly 'y', 'a' and 'b'.



**PE** This half term we will be focusing on Gymnastics and Fitness. PE will be on:

Monday and Tuesday (Mayflower) and Tuesday and Wednesday (Victory) so please ensure your child arrives in their PE kit white t-shirt, black shorts and trainers.

