

# Year 1 Newsletter



**Autumn 2**



**Eastern Multi-Academy Trust**  
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Dear Families,

We hope you had a lovely half-term break and are looking forward to the new term and the run-up to Christmas. We have a busy half-term ahead, packed with lots of learning.

In **Geography** this term, we will continue learning about **Spatial Sense**. In addition, we will be drawing maps and doing some orienteering - using maps and compasses to navigate.

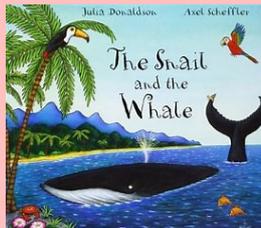
In **History**, we will continue with our topic, **Discovering History**. We will learn what archaeologists do, including our archaeological dig and study London as part of our local history focus.

In **Science**, we are learning about **Animals**. We will learn how to group animals into different categories and the difference between pet animals and wild animals.

In **Art**, we are learning about the use of lines in artwork. We will explore different types of lines. We will use Klee ('Rock-Cut Temple) and Miro's use of line as inspiration.

In **Maths**, we are learning about Addition and Subtraction within 10—focusing on using resources to help us, such as counters, numicon, cubes and bead strings. At the end of the term, we will also learn about Shapes, including 2D and 3D shapes.

In **Writing**, we use the story '**The Snail and the Whale**' by Julia Donaldson to help us write our own stories and ensure our sentences follow the correct order. We will also learn the poem '**The Owl and the Pussycat**' by Edward Lear.



In **RE**, we are learning about the Christmas story. We hope to have a special visitor, Reverend Lyn Marsh, to share the story and why Christians believe it.

In **PSHE**, we will be learning to celebrate differences. This includes accepting that everyone is different, learning how to include others when working and playing, learning to know if someone is being bullied, and using kind words.

In **Design and Technology**, we will learn about mechanics and make a moving storybook.

In **Computing**, we will learn how to use technology to create a painting.

## Important Dates

22 Nov - Sports Champion visit

25 Nov - Christmas Craft Afternoon

15 Dec - Christmas Disco

16 Dec - Last day of Term

## Home Learning

**Spellings** - weekly, its better to practice all week so embed in long term memory



**Reading** - please note in your child reading record

Please practise **letter formation** with your children—particularly 'g', 'd' and 'b'.



## Home Reading Challenge

This half term's reading challenge is 25+ reads. Any reads your child completes must be noted, dated and signed by an adult in their home reading records.

Children can read any books they wish but only those noted in their records will count towards the challenge.



## PE

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

PE will be on:

**Monday and Wednesday (Mayflower)** and **Tuesday and Wednesday (Victory)**

so please ensure your child arrives in their PE kit - white t-shirt, black shorts and trainers.



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