

# Year 1 Newsletter



Spring 2



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Dear Families,

Welcome back. We hope you had a lovely week off and enjoyed some sunshine in the rain!  
This half-term, although short, will be packed with lots of fabulous learning.

In this half of the Spring term, our class text in **English** will be **Here We Are: Notes For Living On Planet Earth** by **Oliver Jeffers**. The book takes the reader on a tour of planet Earth, providing an overview of the sea, the land, the sky, our bodies and the different people and animals that inhabit the planet. We will also be reading **Chocolate Cake** by **Michael Rosen**. The poem tells the story of Micheal sneaking downstairs in the middle of the night to nibble at a big chocolate cake his mother had made. In writing, we will be writing a story with a familiar setting. We will also be writing a recount of our trip to the beach!

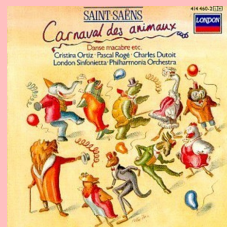


In **maths**, children are introduced to addition and subtraction below 10. We will be exploring what this means in depth. We will look at different representations and methods to solve our problems. We will also story-tell using addition and subtraction.

In **geography**, we are continuing our unit of The UK. In **history**, we are continuing to our unit of kings and queens.

In **science**, we are starting a new topic of **seasons and weather**. We will be monitoring the weather for the whole half-term. We will use equipment such as wind vanes and rain gauges to monitor the weather and record this. We will also be looking at dangerous weather in the world.

We will use '**Carnival of the Animals**' by **Saint-Saëns** as a stimulus in music. We explore the movements of the work and how instrumentation, dynamics, tempo and pitch are used to convey different animals and the way they move.



The Year 1 Team

## Important Dates

**Thur 7 Mar 2024** - World Book Day

**Fri 15 Mar 2024** - Comic Relief

**Tue 19 Mar 2024** - Beach Trip

**Mon 25 March 2024** - Theatre production

**Wed 27 Mar 2024** - Last day of term

## Home Learning

**Phonics** - please practise weekly as this supports our weekly phonics lessons.

**Reading** - please note in your child's reading record. Include any book that you are reading with your children.



Hand in homework on **Wednesdays**.

## 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.

## PE

This half-term in PE our units are **yoga** and **sending and receiving**.

PE is on a **Monday** and **Friday**. Please come into school wearing your PE kits on these days.



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