

Year 1 Newsletter

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Raleigh Infant and
Admirals Academies

Welcome

Dear Families,

Happy New Year! We hope you've had a wonderful Christmas. The children have returned brilliantly and have got off to a great start. The structure of our day has changed and we are becoming more formal learners. The children have already



taken this in their stride—they are working hard and have produced great work already.

Important Dates

06/01/26—start of spring term.

12/01/26 (and every Monday) - Little Riders starts.

13/02/26—end of spring 1.

English and Maths

In writing, this half term we will be focusing on writing a recount of our trip to the cinema. We will be writing informal letters focusing on the structure and features of letter writing.



In reading, we will be using all our reading skills and applying these to the book ***The Tale of Peter Rabbit*** by Beatrix Potter. We will also be studying the book ***Look Up*** by Nathan Bryon—a story about never giving up.

In maths, we will be looking at addition and subtraction within 10. We will learn about doubling and halving. We will also learn and remember all our number bonds to 10. Once secure, we will start to learn about fractions; being able to recognise, find and name a half and a quarter as equal parts of an object shape or quantity.

More information can be found online at www.raleighinfant.co.uk



Science

In science we are learning about the 4 seasons and the weather. We will learn about why the seasons happen and the signs of the seasons. We will observe the weather and record the weather. The children will do their own weather forecast. We will also read and interpret graphs. As part of our learning we will learn about the different types of clouds and what they tell us.

Important information

Tuesday– P.E. day

Homework due in Tuesdays and sent out on Thursdays.

Books to be swapped on Thursdays.

Our library day is Tuesday.



PSHE:

In PSHE this term, we will be focusing on:

- setting goals
- identifying successes and achievements
- learning styles
- working well and celebrating achievement with a partner
- tackling new challenges
- identifying and overcoming obstacle
- feelings of success

History



Our new history unit is Kings, Queens and Leaders.

We will learn that our country has been ruled by kings and queens for a long time. We will also be looking at a time in history when England didn't have a king or queen.

In this topic, we will learn about the significance of the Magna Carta and what that means in the present day. We will also learn about coronations and the importance of them.

Geography



In Geography, we will be studying the unit 'The UK'. We will learn about the countries of the UK and for each country we will look in detail at its capital city and its physical and human features.



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