

# Year 1 Newsletter

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Raleigh Infant and  
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## Welcome

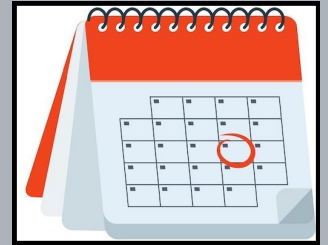
Dear Families,

I hope you have had a wonderful week and the children are feeling refreshed and ready to take on a new and exciting half term of learning.



The Year One Team

## Important Dates



5/3/26—World Book Day (dress up/wear pyjamas)

10/3/26—Parents' Evening 1

11/3/26—Parents' Evening 2

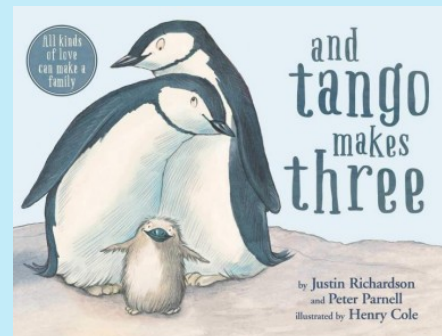
12/3/26—Virtual Frisbee competition (PE kits)

23/3/26—Pinocchio Pantomime performance

## English

In writing this half term, we will be creating a story with a familiar setting. The pupils will explore the use of adventurous adjectives. We will also begin to use 'and' to join sentences.

In reading, we will be reading '**and Tango Makes Three**' by **Justin Richardson and Peter Parnell**. The book introduces pupils to the idea that families can look different but are still bound together by love. The story was inspired by the true account of two male penguins in a zoo who paired up with each other during the mating season. We will be exploring the amusing poem: '**Chocolate Cake**' by **Micheal Rosen**.



More information can be found online at [www.raleighinfant.co.uk](http://www.raleighinfant.co.uk)



## Science

In science, we are learning about plants. The children will learn about what conditions plants need in order to grow. They will then explore this knowledge by setting up an investigation using cress seeds.

We will also explore the different parts of a plant and their functions in supporting the plant. We will learn about the differences between deciduous and evergreen trees.

## 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



### Life skills and R.E.

In life skills, we will be focusing on: keeping myself healthy, healthier lifestyle choices, keeping clean, being safe, medicine safety/safety with household items, road safety and linking health and happiness.

In RE we will be exploring the question: '*Why was Jesus welcomed like a King or celebrity by the crowds on Palm Sunday?*'

## Maths

In maths, we are learning all about **time**. We will learn about the **days of the week**, **months** of the year, We will also be learning how to **tell the time** to the hour and half an hour. For number, we will learn about the numbers 11 to 19 and how they are made of using the ten and a bit structure. We will confidently use  $<$ ,  $>$  and  $=$  to compare these numbers.



## Phonics

In phonics, we will continue to **grow the code** and learn alternative sounds and new graphemes.

## History

Our history unit of Kings, Queens and Leaders will continue this half-term. We will also be having a very fun lesson and make crowns for our own coronations!

## Geography

Our geography unit about the UK will continue. We will continue to learn about the countries which make up the UK. As part of this unit we will learn about the country, its name, its capital city and its flag.



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