



# Newsletter

## Spring Term - Year 1

### Mrs Dutton and Mrs Merrick

Welcome to the Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter. This is a summary of the learning planned for the Spring Term.

If you have any concerns about your child's learning please contact Mrs Dutton via the school office email.

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### Topic

This term, our topic is 'Our Amazing Country'. In our geography learning, we will look at the different features of a town and a beach. We will also learn how to use an atlas to locate the counties and seas in the UK. In our history learning, we will find out about how William the Conqueror invaded the UK. We will look at the different castles that William built and find out more about life in a castle during the Norman times. As part of our topic, we will have a 'Kings and Queens' topic day where we will be able to dress up as a king, queen, princess, knight or anyone who may have lived in a Norman castle! We will make a small box castle during our DT day and look at artwork by Paul Klee in our art lessons called 'Castle and Sun', aiming to create our own artwork in the style of Paul Klee.



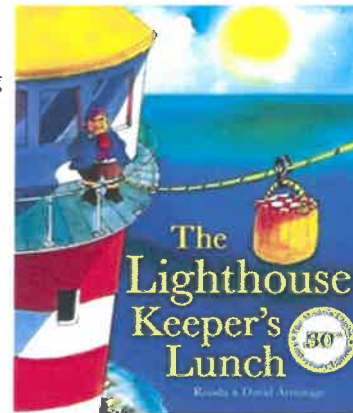
### Maths

In our maths lessons this term, we will continue to look at strategies to use for addition and subtraction. We will learn how to find doubles and halves of a given number. We will practice counting in multiples of ten and use this skill to help us add ten to multiples of ten or subtract ten from multiples of 10.

We will all continue to take part in weekly club sheets beginning with number facts linked to the number 5 and then moving on to family 10 and family 20 facts as we become more confident.

### English

We will continue to have daily phonics lessons in Year 1, following the Read Write Inc programme—most of us will be working on using our set 3 sounds to help us read words accurately and to become more fluent readers. We will have a big focus this term on nonsense words which are words that are not real but contain the sounds we need to know to help us become fluent readers. In our writing lessons, we will begin with 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch' as our writing stimulus. We will use this book to write postcards and retell the story, practicing the skill of writing simple sentences with lots of oral rehearsal before writing down our ideas. We will also do lots of writing linked to our topic learning, such as a diary entry in the role of someone who lived in a castle and a description of a Norman castle.



### Religious Education

Our key question in RE this half term will be 'What do Muslims believe?' We will find out more about key aspects of Islam and invite a visitor into Class 1 to share more about their faith. Our key question next half term will be 'Why does Easter matter to Christians?'

### Science

In our science lessons this term, we will continue to observe the weather, focusing on the change in season from winter to spring. We will learn to describe the weather and look at the indicators which show us the season we are in.



We will also learn about different materials and their properties in our science lessons. We will conduct tests to help us decide the best material for useful objects in the classroom.

### PE

This term, Year 1 will have PE lessons on Monday and Friday so please make sure your PE kit is in school on these days. Please remember to take earrings out for school on PE days. The focus of our PE lessons will be dance and gymnastics. We will perform sequences by using simple movement patterns.

### Diary Dates

- 19.01.24 – Y1 Come Dine With Me
- 26.01.24 – Parent and Carer Mental Health Workshop
- 07.03.24 – World Book Day
- 22.02.24 – Y1 Forest School Afternoon
- 19.03.24 – Special Person KS1 Come Dine With Me
- 13.03.24 – Parents' Evening
- 14.03.24 – Parents' Evening
- 15.03.24 – Red Nose Day