

Year One News

Year 1 Class Newsletter. Spring Term 2023



Happy New Year ! Despite the gloomy weather, the class have returned to school bright and cheerful ! I have introduced our new topics and they are raring to go. Read on to find out more information about what we are learning about this half term and how you can help at home.

Mrs Wilkinson



Spring Term in Year One

This half term in **English** we will be continuing to use traditional tales to inspire our writing. We will be reading *The Three Billy Goats Gruff* and *Rumpelstiltskin* and then writing our own versions, changing one or two key features. We will then move on to read the more modern texts of *Meerkat Mail* and *Handa's Surprise* after half term.

These texts support our learning in other areas of the curriculum. Our first topic is **history** based, 'The Great Fire of Newcastle and Gateshead', and will include a trip to see where this dreadful event happened in 1864. Ms Newell will be studying bridges in **DT**, looking at the famous bridges over the River Tyne and how they constructed. I wonder if there's a troll under the Tyne Bridge? The children will design and make their own bridges and test them for strength.

In **science** we will be thinking about growth and survival and considering what animals need to survive and how to stay fit and healthy and exploring questions like 'Why can't meerkats live in the North Pole?' and making our own meerkat finger puppets. We will compare different climates and how animals and humans adapt to live in hot and cold countries.

In **maths** our daily maths sessions we will be exploring the 'teens' numbers and learning different ways to add and subtract number up to 20 using the mastery approach. Our English and maths learning will continue to be supported by daily basic skills sessions including phonics, reading, spelling and arithmetic.

Any questions about our learning please do not hesitate to ask.

Remember...

- **PE** days are **Monday and Wednesday** – PE kit should be brought in on a Monday and will be returned on Friday.
- Reading folders should be brought in to school **EVERY DAY**.
- **Homework** will be set on Thursday and will be due by the following Wednesday
- Join our school Twitter Feed for photographs of Year 1 in action !
- Check Google Classroom and our new improved school website regularly for important dates and information.
- **Reading** – children are expected to read daily with an adult at home. Books will be changed on a Monday, Wednesday and Thursday **IF** they have been read at home.
- **Spellings** will be sent home to practice and we will have a 'Spelling Bee' to check progress after 3 weeks.

Online Learning Support

Purple Mash – our main platform for online homework, Simply log in with your child and click on the 2dos tab.

Bug Club – online reading and phonics. – Please read 1 book online each week.

Google Classroom – Google Classroom will be used for additional support, weekly homework tasks and communication between home and school.

We will also be issuing log in details for a online Maths package – Mathletics – more information to follow !

If you have any difficulties accessing the online platforms please get in touch with us.

Ways to help at home... * Find time to talk to your child about what he/she has done at school * Share books together with your child....make it fun!
* Practice his/her spellings – look at spelling list for ideas how to do this * Set aside time each day to complete learning at home – reading, spelling, online learning, counting games etc * Visit the library or use the online library service to find interesting books to enjoy * Encourage your child to come to school every day...on time...learning is fun....school is a great place to be! * ... **please ask if you require further ideas and support.**