

# Year One News

Year 1 Class Newsletter. Spring Term 2025



**Happy New Year !** Despite the cold weather, the class have returned to school bright and cheerful ! We have settled back down into our class routines and 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. Mrs Blakeney 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 Week 3 we have a curriculum enrichment week focussing on Science Technology Engineering and Maths (STEM) using Lego to support all curriculum areas.

## 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 **X 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 Friday **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

### You should now be able to access the following websites

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

**Purple Mash** – Some homework activities will use Purple Mash imply log in with your child and click on the 2dos tab.

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

**Mathletics** – we will start to use Mathletics this term - 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 they have done at school \* Share books together with your child...make it fun! \* Practice their 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.**