

What are Year 1 up to?

Year 1



Welcome to the spring term in Year 1! We hope you had a wonderful Christmas and have come back fully recharged ready for the term ahead. The Year 1 team would all like to say a huge thank you for all the lovely gifts we received at the end of last term. They were all very much appreciated!

We are extremely excited to be back and we're looking forward to all of the interesting new topics we will be doing this term. We are also pleased to welcome Mrs Rolfe who will be helping out several mornings a week. This term we are also lucky to be joined by Amy Wilson from The University of Winchester on her final school experience. She will be working alongside Miss Hynes in 1H until 27th March. She joins us on Tuesday 14th January.

This newsletter aims to give you a brief overview of what Year 1 will be learning over this term but, as always, keep more up to date through our website class page <http://www.kingsworthy.hants.sch.uk/page/?title=Year+1&pid=28>

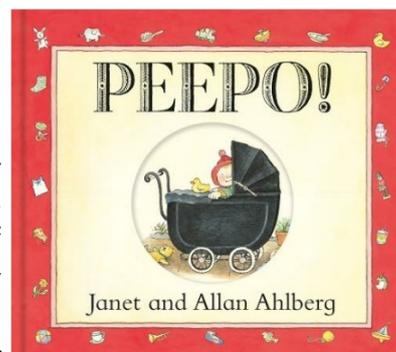
Celebration Assembly

Key Stage 1 will have their celebration assembly fortnightly and if your child is being celebrated you will be invited the week before to give you plenty of notice so you can come along and watch on a Friday afternoon at 3:05pm.

English

In addition to our main English lessons, children will continue to have daily phonics sessions. We are currently learning the first half of phase 5. We will also continue to have our daily guided reading sessions every day for 25 minutes. Children are given the opportunity to change their books every morning. There is an adult there to help them, however it is their responsibility to do so. They must have their reading diaries in school every day.

We will be writing simple sentences and learning about what makes a good sentence, including adding capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. We will also begin to punctuate sentences using a question mark and beginning to spell words using contracted forms e.g. don't. Over this half term, we will be writing in different contexts such as writing our own narrative poems in the style of Peepo, and writing instructions for a toy.



Maths

In maths this term the children will start by recapping the addition we learnt last term and then start subtracting numbers between 0 and 20. They will be using a range of resources to do this practically before moving onto using a number line to help them. Each day the children have a maths task to complete in their learning books to help consolidate the learning they have been doing in their lessons, as well as a range of activities and resources available to them in the classroom. Alongside this the children will be exploring weight, length and capacity through our ongoing provision as well as shape in a variety of different ways both inside and out of the classroom. At home it is always very helpful if children practise counting forwards and backwards to 20 as well as counting forwards in 2s, 5s and 10s to secure their counting.



Everything else...

This term our topic begins with 'Memory Box' in which the children will be looking at toys from the past and comparing them to the toys they play with now. After half term our topic is 'The Magic Land of Three' where we will be exploring lots of different traditional tales.

Throughout the term the children will have opportunities to develop their understanding in a range of curriculum areas.

On a Monday afternoon the children will have outdoor PE, so please ensure they always have their PE kit in school and that it is all clearly named. They will also be exploring a range of different musical instruments in our music lessons.

On a Tuesday morning Year 1 have indoor PE. This half term we will be doing gymnastics where they will learn a range of different shapes and skills, putting this together into a routine. After half term the focus will be dance.

In History the children will be learning about toys from the past. They will explore toys their parents and grandparents played with and compare similarities and differences between them.

On a Wednesday morning Mrs Atkins and Mrs Sibbons are in Year 1 and they will be teaching science. This term our topic is 'Materials'.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to come and see Miss Hutchins or Miss Hynes at the end of the day.

TAPESTRY

Just a reminder that we still use tapestry in Year 1 to upload pictures of what the children have been doing in class. Please make sure you have a look and feel free to add pictures of your own if you would like.

Please let us know if you are having problems accessing your account.

Key Dates in Y1

Parent Interviews in year 1 will be held on **Monday 2nd March** and **Thursday 5th March**.

More information will follow nearer to the time.