

Spring

2022

What are Year 1 up to?

# Year 1



Welcome to the spring term in Year 1! We hope you had a wonderful and safe Christmas break. 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!

This newsletter aims to give you a brief overview of what Year 1 will be learning over this term as well as things you can do at home to support children further.

This term our topic begins with Castles and Fairytales in which the children will be exploring a range of fairytales and learning about castles and the people who lived in them.

After half term our topic will be Nature Detectives. In this topic we will learn about plants and use the Percy the Park Keeper books as inspiration for our writing.

## Important Dates

Parent interviews

**Monday 14th February**  
**3:50PM– 6:50PM**

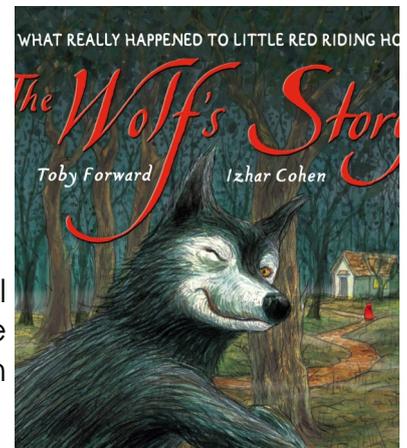
**Thursday 17th February**  
**3:50PM– 6:50PM**

## English

In addition to our main English lessons, children will continue to have daily phonics sessions. We are currently learning the alternative pronunciations in phase 5.

We will also continue to have our daily Guided Reading sessions for 25 minutes each morning where we will be focusing on comprehension of alternative fairytale texts such as 'The Wolf's Story'.

Through our English sessions, 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 join sentences using 'and', punctuate sentences using a question mark, and start 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 mixed-up fairytales and informative wanted posters.



# Maths

In Maths this term, the children will start by recapping number and place value and learning about how numbers can be made of 10s and 1s. Children will practise representing these numbers in different ways to ensure a deep understanding of how the numbers are made. Then, children will work on addition and subtraction; they will recap what we learnt last term and start adding and subtracting numbers up to 20. After that, we will begin to work with larger numbers up to 50 before moving on to explore weight, length and capacity.

At home it is always very helpful if children practise counting forwards and backwards to a suitably challenging number up to 100, as well as counting forwards in 2s, 5s and 10s.



## Everything else...

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

In Science, children will learn about everyday materials and their properties including whether they are rigid, flexible, transparent, absorbent or waterproof. We will look at how objects can be made of a range of materials and consider which materials would be the best choice for a given purpose.

In History, the children will be learning about castles from the past and the jobs and lives of those who lived inside them. They will also explore how this changed over time.

Through our art sessions, children will explore sketching techniques and practise their pencil control to complete observational drawings as well as learning to create their own prints.

Our RE units this term will focus on 'Special Places' and 'New Life' (Easter).

Mrs Atkins and Mrs Windram will continue to teach indoor PE and computing every Tuesday.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact Miss Hutchins or Miss Wood.

### Online resources

Please continue to use our wonderful online resources.

Log-ins for **Spelling Shed** and **Bug Club Books** are in the back of your child's reading diary.

Please don't hesitate to ask if you need further support with this.