

News from Year 1

January 2022



🎉 Happy New Year 🎉

Welcome back to school! Where did that first term go? Time is really flying! You will be very pleased to know that your children have come back to school full of energy and enthusiasm. They are raring to learn and we are eager to teach.

This half-term in Year 1 we will be continuing to explore Christianity in R.E and why Jesus is special to Christians. In P.E we will be developing Gymnastic skills by learning the names of different gymnastic positions/balances, how to make those positions/balances and create a sequence. In Music we will be exploring rhythm and in Character Education we will be focusing on the virtues of organisation, co-operation and commitment.



In English we will continue to learn to read and write through Read Write Inc. Please see the Showbie folder for more information, I intend to update it before the end of next week.

We expect children in Yr1 to be able to recognise all Set 2 and Set 3 sounds, and read words with these sounds in by the end of this term. Please could we ask that you support your child at home by practising the recognition of the Set 2 and Set 3 letter sounds in their yellow Speed Sounds book.



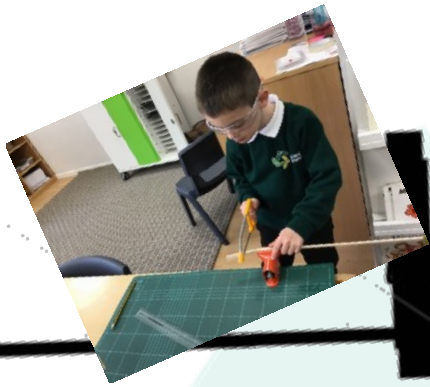
In Maths, we will begin the term by consolidating the children's understanding of numbers that go together to make 10 (number bonds). We will then solve addition and subtraction sums within 20 using our knowledge of number bonds. Later in the half-term we will then begin comparing number sentences using the greater than (>), equal to (=) and less/fewer than (<) symbols. For example, $2+2=4 < 2+3=5$.

Finally, we will conclude the half term by exploring numbers and the value of those numbers up to 50. We aim for the children to understand how many tens and ones are in each number.



To help further at home, please practise counting both forwards in steps of 2, 5 and 10. As an additional challenge, children could learn to count backwards in steps of 2, 5 and 10.





We have loved kick starting the new year with our brand new enquiry, 'Let the Games Begin.' The enquiry will be centred around toys, and through the enquiry the children will learn about what games were played in the past, how games have changed over time, how toys are made and what materials are used to make toys. In addition, your child will also find the answers to the questions they pose.

You will receive an enquiry overview highlighting all the skills and knowledge being taught next week.

Our exhibition of learning will be uploaded to Showbie on Wednesday 14th of February. We hope that you will enjoy seeing your child's learning and successes.



Parental Plea 🙏

We are very lucky to have two volunteer helpers in our class who have also been hearing your child read on a regular basis. In order to accelerate progress, you will find some red words in your child's reading record. Please could you help your child recognise these words **without sounding out**, as well as hearing your child read each book at least three times. This will really help your child learn to read fluently and speedily.



Diary Dates

JANUARY—APRIL 2022

Tuesday 8th February—Safer Internet Day

Friday 18th February—Half Term begins

Monday 28th February—Return to School

Thursday 3rd March —World Book Day

Friday 18th March - Comic Relief

Monday 21st March - World Down Syndrome Awareness Day

Monday 21st and Friday 25th March—Nursery Parents' Consultation Meeting

Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd March—Parents' Consultation Meeting

Friday 1st April - World Autism Awareness Day

Monday 4th April - Y6 SATs Meeting (6:00pm - 7:00pm)

Friday 8th April - Easter Holidays begin

Monday 25th April - Return to school