

# Year 1 Newsletter

## Happy New Year!

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the start of Spring Term in Year 1! We hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable Christmas break. Thank you very much for all of your cards and gifts! We are looking forward to another busy and exciting half term and we would like to share some information about what we will be covering in school.

### English

We will be reading "The Wildest Cowboy" as part of our theme 'Let's Go Wild'. We have already had a Wild West robbery in our classroom!

This half term the children will continue to not have set reading days. Their book will always be changed once a week but it will not always be on a set day so please ensure it is in their book bag every day! When reading with your child at home, please make a note of this in their planners. Children will now be awarded a sticker each time there are 5 reading notes in their planners. If your child had finished their reading book at home, please make a note of this in their planners and we will do our best to change it the next day.

The children will also continue to take part in daily phonics sessions. To improve their reading and spelling.

You can support with this at home by visiting the website [www.phonicsplay.co.uk](http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk).

Lots of the children have mentioned playing on this at home already which is great, it is a really useful website with lots of exciting games to support their reading!

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### Maths

We will continue to learn a range of skills in our Maths lessons. These include counting numbers up to 50 and finding one more and one less, addition and subtraction to 20, simple multiplication and division and solving number problems.

The children will be doing lots of work on number this half term, particularly knowing numbers to 50 and knowing pairs of numbers that make 10 and 20. There are lots of games online to support with this including:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?Subject=16&AgeGroup=2>

### Theme

Our school theme this term is 'Let's Go Wild'. Within Year 1 we will be focusing on The Wild West.

We will develop our geographic skills to locate hot and cold climates around the world. Then we will apply our scientific knowledge of seasons to compare the climates of The Wild West to Britain. We will link this to History by finding out about the daily life of a cowboy and a famous cowgirl!



### Homework

Skills homework will continue to be given out on Fridays starting from next week. Children must also complete their spellings each week and this term we will begin to introduce spelling tests. Skills homework needs to be returned to school by the following Wednesday. This term's creative project should be handed in for our class gallery on 11<sup>th</sup> February. Thank you!

### P.E.

P.E will take place Tuesday and Wednesdays. Please remember to bring your child's P.E. kit to school on these days. A P.E. kit includes a white t-shirt, black shorts and trainers. Please ensure that all your child's P.E clothes are clearly labelled with their full name. Children are not allowed to wear earrings or any other jewellery and must have their hair tied back.

If you would like any further information about this half term in Year 1, please make an appointment to call in before or after school or use the planners as a means of communication.

Thank you for all of your on-going support!  
Miss Hughes and Miss Renshaw.