

Year 1 - Spring 2 Newsletter

Writing

This half term, we will be learning about different suffixes such as -ed and -ing, and how they can change the meaning of a word. We will also continue to focus on using capital letters and full stops correctly, while introducing question marks and exclamation marks.

We have now taught most of the tricky spellings that Year 1 children need to know, and we will continue to practice and revisit these each week to build confidence and accuracy.

Year 1 Common Exception Words

the	is	no	one
a	his	go	once
do	has	so	ask
to	I	by	friend
today	you	my	school
of	your	here	put
said	they	there	push
says	be	where	pull
are	he	love	full
were	me	come	house
was	she	some	our
	we		

Other info

Dates for your diary!

- Poetry By Heart Semi Finals – Friday 27th February
- Year 1 trip to Sherwood Forest – Tuesday 3rd March
- World Book Day – Thursday 5th March
- Phonics Check Parent meeting – Wednesday 11th March
- Year 1 Art Exhibition – Wednesday 18th March
- Mini Reports come home – Friday 20th March
- Parent meetings – Tuesday 24th March

Our school value this half term is UNDERSTANDING.



Topic

This half term, we will be continuing with our topic, **Home is Where the Heart is.**

In **History**, we will learn about the monarchy, in particular King John, who loved Sherwood Forest so much he built a palace in Kings Clipstone. The children will learn about the significance of Sherwood Forest and about the legend of Robin Hood.

In **Science**, we will learn about the seasons spring and summer, along keep keeping safe in the sun.

In **DT**, we will make moving pictures using a lever to show our nursery children.

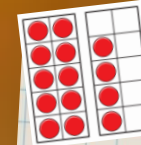
Reading

Our focus author this half term is Mini Grey. We will share some of her favourite books, Biscuit Bear and Toys in Space. Our traditional tale this half term is Pea and the Princess, also by Mini Grey. Our other theme this half term focuses on community and exploring the different ways we can help to improve it.

The phonics check is fast approaching, and we are coming to the end of teaching our set 3 sounds. We will begin sending videos home through the app with sounds that the children need a little bit of extra practice. If you need any support with reading at home, please speak to your child's class teacher.



Maths



This half term we are back to **place value**, but this time we are focusing on numbers from 10 – 20. The children will begin to learn about tens and ones, and use practical resources such as, numicon, ten frames, part – whole models, cubes and base ten to make them in different ways. This will then lead into addition and subtraction within 20. We will look at a range of strategies to help us answer equations.

Please continue to play Numbots for 15-20 minutes each week.