



# Year 1

## Half Termly Update

### Spring Term 2

Dear Parents,

We hope you had a lovely half term. We have missed seeing the children's smiley faces every day. We are looking forward to getting back into all the amazing learning that Year 1 do. We will be studying a history topic to answer the question, 'How has transport evolved over time?' to support children's understanding on this we will be taking a trip to the Golden Hinde. The Year 1 children will continue to have PE and music on Tuesday afternoons so make sure the children are in their PE kit on a Tuesday. We are excited to invite you to our parents in school day on **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2024**. Please see your child's class teacher to sign up.

#### **English**

Year 1 have been making great progress in their writing. This term we will be focusing on how to make our sentences longer and more exciting by adding conjunctions, adjectives and different types of punctuation. We will be doing different types of writing such as retelling a story and a news report. Some of the books we will look at will be: *Handa's Surprise* by Eileen Browne and *Ruby's Worry* by Kes Gray and Jim Field.

#### **Phonics**

The Year 1 children have made good progress with their phonics. Each day they attend their phonics group to help them build on their reading ability. As the children are becoming more confident readers, we will be focusing on working on the children's accuracy and fluency as they are reading. In June, the children will sit their phonics screening check where they will read a mixture of 40 real and non-words to assess their ability to identify and blend sounds and we are starting to prepare them

#### **History**

The children will we will be studying a history topic to answer the question, 'How has transport evolved over time?'

The children will look closely at different types of transport: planes, boats and cars.

They will study different explorers and pioneers that have shaped the course of history such as The Wright Brothers, Amy Johnson and Ernest Shackleton.

**Science**

The children will use their investigation skills to help explore a range of materials suitable for broken objects. We will be doing lots of experiments using suitable materials and how to solve a problem. Children will be challenged to use scientific language to help explain how they solved the experiment.

**PSHCE**

This term in PSHCE, children will be looking at all different ways we can keep safe. Whether this is in their homes, outside and even in school. Children will be looking at real and imaginary dangers and know to tell a trusted adult if they feel unsafe.

**P.E.**

Children will be looking at games this term. They will be focusing on receiving, sending, marking and aiming by playing different ball games. This will help with the children's hand eye coordination and their skills when doing a sport. Children should come to school in their P.E. kit (white top, shorts/tracksuit bottoms and trainers).

**Music**

The children have music lessons on a Tuesday. They have this with a specialist music teacher. During lessons, they learn many different rhythmic skills and songs.

**Homework**

Please find time to support your child with their homework. Please see the grid below to show you what they are expected to do each week.