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Dear Year 1 Parents and Carers,

## YEAR 1 NEWSLETTER

Welcome back. I hope everybody has had a restful half term break. We have a very busy half term ahead which includes Book Week, the Oranges and Lemons performance, trips and an exciting new topic to get stuck into!

Please see below for a rundown of our topics for this term:

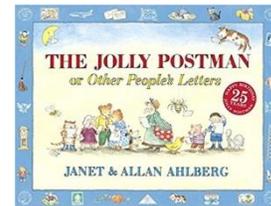
**English** – classic and modern picture books

Key Texts include:

*The Story Machine*  
by Tom Mclaughlin



*The Jolly Postman*  
by Janet and Allan Ahlberg



(These books will be revealed slowly to the children and part of the teaching sequence will involve predictions about what might happen later in the book. I would kindly ask you to not explore these books at home just yet in order to keep the surprise! Thank you.)

**Maths** - Place value to 50; comparing height, length, weight and volume

**Geography** – A UK Tour!

**Computing** – We are TV Chefs!

**R.E** – The 10 Commandments & ‘Why is Easter the most important festival for Christians?’

**P.E** – Striking and fielding games, Dance

**Music** – Patterns in music

**Art** – Printing, pattern and shape



### Reading

Please continue to read with your child at least five times a week at home and feel free to record any texts that your child is reading in addition to the three books provided by school. The Big Read is proving incredibly popular with the children! Thank you very much for visiting libraries, looking online and sharing books in order to support your child getting fully involved in the project.

The books chosen are wonderful examples of classic and modern children's literature which will hopefully provoke conversations and discussions about a variety of topics at home. We have also read a couple on the list in class – the children have thoroughly enjoyed these!



### Phonics

We are continuing to work in different groups for phonics every morning. We are working towards the Phonics Reading Check in the summer and there are lots of fun ways in which we are preparing for this. In the test, the children will need to read real and fake words. Here are some websites that you can use at home to help children with their phonics:

[Phonicsplay.co.uk](http://Phonicsplay.co.uk)

[ictgames.com](http://ictgames.com)

We have an important phonics meeting for EYFS and KS1 parents tomorrow - Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. Please do endeavour to attend as it will cover the Phonics Reading Check and will provide you with many more resources, ideas and strategies that can be used at home to support your child in their phonics.



### Spellings

Please continue to support your child with their spelling homework. All the children are now practising Phase 5 phonic words which involve the trickiest spelling concepts the children will have tackled so far, so practising spellings daily is important. When practising at home, please remind your child to use 'sound buttons' to identify and then check the different sounds in written words. The children will be able to show you this, as we have been practising a lot in class! We will continue to have our 'spelling game' on Friday mornings, so please make sure spelling books are brought into school in book bags on this day.



### Uniform and P.E. kit

Thank you for returning PE kits to school as soon as possible, complete with your child's winter PE kit fully named. Please ensure your child comes to school every day wearing a coat and ensure that any extra winter accessories, such as a hat, gloves and scarf, are all named. Please also check to make sure *all* uniform is labelled as this makes returning items of lost clothing a lot simpler!

It was great to see so many of you at parents evening last term. If you ever want to meet to discuss your child's progress or anything else further, please do not hesitate to make an appointment via the front office, or catch me in the playground before or after school.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Dawson  
Year 1 Class Teacher