

# Year 1 Newsletter

## Autumn Term 2



**Building Personal Success**

**Dear Parents / Carers,**

Welcome back everyone; we hope you have had a lovely half term break. We have a very exciting term planned ahead! Our theme for the curriculum this term is 'Special People and Special Places - How has London changed in the past 150 years?'

### **Home Learning:**

Home learning activities are sent out every Friday. These include spellings/curriculum activity that relates to our in-class learning that week.

The children are expected to read at home every day. Please comment on your child's reading daily in the comments section in their Reading Record books. The children are to return the reading books, along with the Reading Record books, every Thursday to ensure they can receive a new reading book for the following week. During the week, you can ask the children who their favourite characters are; what they think will happen next in the story; did they like/dislike the story (and why) or discuss their favourite parts. As well as the reading books, the children will also bring home their RWI books. Please continue to practise your child's RWI sounds and encourage them to 'Fred talk' and blend words together when they are reading. Please refer to the questions at the back of the RWI books to support children with their comprehension skills. They will also have the opportunity to choose a book from our school library. Please ensure these books are returned every week.

You can find further information about RWI here:

<https://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/>

The children also have access to Oxford Reading Buddy and Numbots to support them with further learning at home:

<https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk/login?c=0>

<https://play.numbots.com/#/intro>

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/>

If you would like to complete a home project based on the curriculum topic (for example, making a model of a building that has been built in London in the past 150 years), then we would love to see them!

Kind regards,

The Year 1 team

### **The Year 1 Team**

#### **England**

Ms Mahmoda Begum  
Ms Viktorija Bouras

#### **Northern Ireland**

Ms Faiza Hassan  
Ms Viktorija Bouras

#### **Scotland**

Ms Habiba Khatun  
Ms Mehreen Husain

#### **Wales**

Ms Farhana Yasmin  
Mr Kalli Gibson  
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### **Classroom Practitioner**

Ms Sharon Cook

### **Year Group Leader**

Ms Mahmoda Begum

### **Assistant Headteacher**

Ms Stefanie Reay

### Dates for the educational visit



As part of our History topic 'How has London changed in the past 150 years?' Year 1 will be going on a trip (along the Thames) on the Thames Clipper boat to see the changes that have occurred over the last 100 years and to see some historic buildings. We will also be taking the children on the Cloud cable car to get an aerial view of East London.

Trip dates will be confirmed soon and letters will be going out in the coming weeks.

### Year 1 Christmas Play

#### Thursday 14th December

9:30am Egypt and Wales class.

2:15pm Tanzania and Scotland class

#### Friday 15th December

9:30am Morocco and England class.

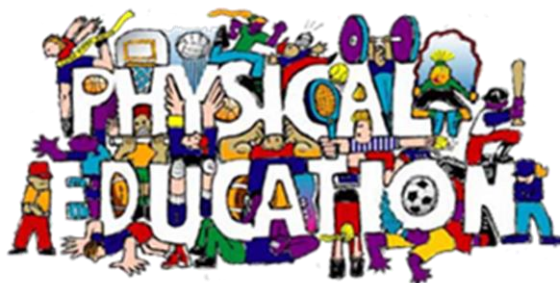
2:15pm Cameroon and Northern Ireland class.

### PE Days

**All year 1 classes will have their P.E on Wednesday and Thursday**

Please ensure your child comes to school in **their PE kit**, including appropriate footwear on these days.

The children will not be changing in to their uniform after the PE lesson. Appropriate clothing suitable for the weather should be worn. Your child will require a bottle of water.



## Curriculum

### **This term's topics:**

**English:** Non-fiction texts, letters and correspondence, retelling stories, discussing our favourite parts of a story and composing sentences.

**Maths:** Numbers, number facts, counting on and counting back, addition and subtraction.

**RE:** How do Christians celebrate Christmas?

**History/Geography:** How has London changed in the past 150 years? (map work, comparing past and present buildings, transport, music, utilities and education)

**Science:** Everyday Materials

**DT:** Mechanisms: Wheels and axles

**PSHE:** Celebrating Difference (discussing similarities and differences between ourselves and others.)

**Computing:** Digital Painting

**PE:** Athletics

**Music:** Tchaikovsky's ballet, The Nutcracker.