

# Year 1 Newsletter

## Spring Term 2023



Building Personal Success

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back and, from everybody in the Year 1 team, we wish you a Happy New Year. We hope you have had an enjoyable break and are looking forward to a busy term ahead.

Our whole school topic for this half term is 'Imagination and Make Believe' and Year 1 will be looking at human and physical features in geography to answer the question: *Where in the UK would Shrek most like to live?*

### Home Learning:

Home learning activities are posted on Teams every Friday. These include spellings and curriculum activities that relate to our in-class learning that week.

### Reading Records:

We place a great deal of importance on reading. Research shows that children who read regularly, and enjoy reading, make better progress and, as a result, enjoy greater future success. Therefore, it is expected that all children are reading at home every evening and that this is recorded/commented on in their reading record. This may be their library book, a book from the classroom or a book from home. The children will also bring home their RWI (phonics) books. Please refer to the questions at the back of the RWI books to support children with their comprehension skills.

All children in Year 1 have access to Oxford Reading Buddy, where they have opportunities to choose and read stories online. Please let the class teachers know if you are having any problems with the login details. Comprehension is an important skill which will allow the children to understand and comprehend what has been read to them. Continue to ask questions when reading a story together to develop these skills. Do also consider joining your local Newham library if you have not already done so!

As the temperature is still chilly we ask that your child attends school with a coat as they will require this when out in the playground during playtimes and lunchtimes.

Kind regards,

The Year 1 Team

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### Classroom Practitioner

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Ms Mahmoda Begum

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### This term's educational visit:

Our education visit this half term is linked to our English topic: Fairy and Traditional Tales.



We will be organising a visit to the Discover Children's Story Centre where the children will be able to use their imagination to create their own stories.

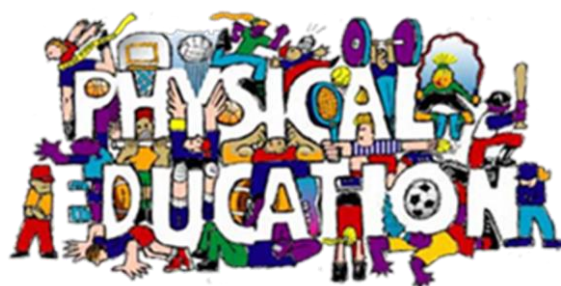
Dates will be confirmed in the next couple of weeks. Please let your class teacher know if you would be interested in helping with this visit.

### 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:** The children will be learning about traditional tales and will be using their imagination to create their own stories.

**Maths:** We will be using a variety of strategies to look at numbers to 20, solve addition and subtraction number problems within 20 and discuss shapes and patterns.

**RE:** The children will be exploring the question: *What does it mean to belong to Christianity?*

**Geography:** *Where in the UK would Shrek most like to live?* Investigating human and physical geography. Comparing the various places people can live in the UK: town or countryside. We will also have a focus on geographical vocabulary, for example, harbour, cove etc.

**Science:** We will be looking at everyday materials. What is the best material for...?

**Computing: Programming A** - moving a robot (Beebot).

**Design Technology:** The children will be designing, making and evaluating their own puppet.

**PSHE:** We will be discussing our dreams and goals and reading *Going on a Bear Hunt*.

**Music:** The Four Seasons by Antonio Vivaldi – looking at music based on the weather.

**PE:** Dance and Gymnastics