

# Year 1 Newsletter

## Spring 2 2024



Building Personal Success

### Dear Parents / Carers:

Welcome to the start of the Spring 2 term. We have a very exciting term planned ahead.

Our topic for this term is ***Mother Nature – How can we help look after our environment?***

### Home Learning:

Home learning activities are uploaded onto Microsoft Teams every Friday. These consist of spellings to learn, and write, into sentences and a maths activity that relates to our in-class learning that week. Each week, the children will receive a story book on Monday to be read at home each day and we ask that their book be **returned on Friday** to ensure they can receive a new reading book the following week. We would like to encourage children to have discussions about the books they are reading to support their comprehension skills.

The Year 1 teachers have put together some targets that parents can work on with their children at home:

### **Reading**

- Expression and fluency.
- Comprehension – understanding what has been read.
- Looking at different text types e.g. fiction (story books), non-fiction (facts, leaflets, newspapers, magazines).
- Poetry

### **Writing**

- Grammar – thinking about different types of punctuation.
- Building writing stamina – encourage your child to write for a longer period of time.
- Exploring a wide range vocabulary.
- Handwriting – continue to practise letter formation.

### **Maths**

- Counting forwards and backwards from any number.
- Counting in 2's, 5's and 10's.
- Encourage your child to explain how they have solved a problem, can they talk through the steps they took?
- Solving problems using different methods/strategies.
- Place Value – identifying 10's and 1's in a number.

Kind regards,

The Year 1 Team

### The Year 1 Team

#### England

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#### Northern Ireland

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#### Scotland

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### Teaching Assistants

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### Year Group Leader

Ms Mahmoda Begum

### Assistant Headteacher

Ms Stefanie Reay

## Dates for this term's educational visit

In RE this half term, the children in Year 1 have been learning about **What does it mean to be a Muslim?** To support their learning, we will be visiting Ibrahim Mosque.

### England and Wales class:

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2024

### Northern Ireland and Scotland class:

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024



## 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.



## **The Year 1 Curriculum; this term's topics:**

**English:** Poetry - exploring poems. Narrative – to write an adventure story.

**Maths:** Numbers to 40 and addition and subtraction word problems.

**RE:** The children will be thinking about 'What does it mean to be a Muslim?' They will learn about how the everyday actions of a Muslim are influenced by their beliefs and values. The children will be able to retell Muslim stories and messages and explain what is important to a Muslim person and why. They will also be able to explain why Muhammad is important for Muslims.

**Science:** Animals including humans – types of animals. Children will be able to identify and name a variety of common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals. They will also identify and name animals that are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. They will be able to describe and compare the different animals.

**Geography:** The children will learn about the impact pollution has on the environment and discuss what they could do to help.

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

**PSHE:** Healthy Me – We will be learning about how to make healthy choices and how to stay safe and healthy.

**Computing:** Data and Information - Grouping Data

**PE:** Gymnastics and Dance