



# Our Year 1 Classroom News

## Spring Term Information

### Welcome message

#### Happy New Year!

We hope you had a wonderful winter break and enjoyed time with families and friends.

We are excited for the Spring Term with lots of fun, new mini topics planned. They'll be experimenting, investigating and building throughout the term, enjoying time in provision.

We hope to get out to visit the Nature Reserve and see how our adopted trees have changed with the seasons. Dates of this will follow. We look forward to sharing our super exciting learning with you throughout the term!

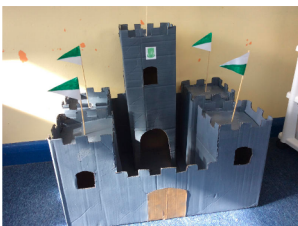
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The Year 1 Team*

### English and Maths

**In English** we will continue to enjoy Drawing Club! We will continue to read a variety of picture books, some linked to our mini topics, and look at their characters, settings and then we will go on an adventure out of the stories using our imagination. We are continuing to focus on sentence structure and using our Phonics to help spell unknown words, but we'll also be trying to write more!

**In Maths** we will build on our Autumn learning, but extend up to 20 then 50 within place value, continue to practice addition and subtraction, and have fun with length, height, volume and mass.

For the **Wider Curriculum**, please see the attached overview.



### Things to remember

**Reading:** Please ensure book bags are brought to school daily, as books will be changed when children read with a class adult. One new book will be issued for the week to develop fluency and increase comprehension. We really appreciate help, from an adult or older sibling at home, listening, reading and sharing books with your children daily. All children will visit the Library each **Thursday** morning. They will bring one book home to be returned the following week, unless they haven't finished it.

**Homework:** In Year 1, there will be weekly homework. This will be spellings and maths. Spellings will be based on sounds and tricky words they learn each week. They will be also continue to use their Numbots log in to practise maths each day for 5 minutes.

**Forest School: London Bridge** will enjoy Forest School in **Spring 1**, and **Tower Hill** will visit in the **Spring 2**. This is on a **Thursday**. Children must leave a pair of wellies at school for the half term, and wear clothes appropriate for the weather and climbing trees. Long sleeves and trousers should be worn.

**PE:** All children will continue to participate in PE with Coach Nick on a **Friday** morning. Please wear outdoor PE kits - dark joggers, coloured t-shirt, trainers and their school jumper.

### Important Dates

8th Jan	Children back to school
31st Jan	Green Park Class Assembly
7th March	World Book Day - dress up
13th & 14th March	Parents Evenings
15th March	Red Nose Day Discos
26th March	Tower Hill Class Assembly
28th March	End of term - 1.30pm finish

#### Parent Reading Sessions:

Every other Friday morning from 8.40 - 8.55am  
12th & 26th January, 9th & 23rd February, 8th & 22nd March



# YEAR 1 MINI TOPICS



**HINDUISM**

**CHRONOLOGY**



**SEASONS**



**MATERIALS**



**HOUSES**



**THE UK**



**CASTLES**



**WHAT'S INSIDE THE BOOK?**



**KINGS & QUEENS**

**WHICH MONARCH?**



**ROYAL FASHION**



# FOREST SCHOOL

Forest School will take place on a Thursday afternoon. We will rotate the classes every half term to help observe seasonal changes. Children must wear old clothing and appropriate footwear for the whole day when it is their turn to attend Forest School.

Class	1st Sessions	2nd Session
Tower Hill	Autumn 1 14th, 21st, 28th Sept & 5th, 12th Oct	Spring 2* 22nd, 29th Feb & 14th, 21st, 28th Mar
Green Park	Autumn 2 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th Nov & 7th Dec	Summer 1 25th Apr & 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd May
London Bridge	Spring 1 11th, 18th, 25th Jan & 1st, 8th Feb	Summer 2 13th, 20th, 27th Jun & 4th, 11th Jul

\*No Forest School on 7th March due to World Book Day