



# Year 1 Class Newsletter

## Autumn 2 2023



We want to welcome you back to our second half-term of the year! We are off to a fantastic start and both classes are settling in very well. Last term we learnt about our local area and where we live. We enjoyed our walk around the local area and our trip to the library. We have started to improve our writing by writing sentences about a story. In Maths we learnt about the system of numbers and where they come on a number line.

King regards, Miss Riaz (Sharks) and Mrs Harrison (Dolphins).

### Learning Challenge

#### What has changed since my grandparents were young?



During our second half term, Year 1 will transform into historians. We are going to explore what the past was like and how it is different from today. We will be looking at schools, TV, music, toys, technology and much more! Children will be transported back in time and get to explore many of these past experiences for themselves. If your child's grandparents have any photographs of themselves when they were younger we would love to see them!

### Focus

**English** - SPAG Focus, Grandad's Island (Narrative), Firework Poems

**Maths** - Addition and subtraction within 10, Shape

**Science** - Animals including Humans - senses

**Design Technology** - Creating a moving story book

**Computing** - Exploring purple mash

**RE** - What do some people believe God looks like?

**PSHCE** - Valuing Differences

**Music** - finding rhythm and learning simple songs

**PE** - Dance

### Homework



Homework will continue to be set. It is expected that your child is reading at least **three** times a week, you can show this in their reading record. Spellings will continue to be set on spelling shed and maths will be available on Numbots. If you have any issues, please inform your child's teacher.

### Important Events:

- Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October - Halloween - Children can come into school dressed up or in their own clothes.
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December - Pantomime in school for all classes
- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December and Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December - Supper with Santa for EYFS and KS1
- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December - Whole school cinema trip
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Dinner
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December - Break up for Holidays

### Local Area Walk



### Weekly Information

- Monday** - Spellings set on spelling shed
  - Tuesday** - Dolphins and Sharks PE
  - Wednesday** - Sharks PE
  - Thursday** -
  - Friday** - Spelling test from words set on Monday
- Dolphins PE
- Your child's book will be changed each week if they have read.

### Phonics

Phonics is important to your child this year as they will undertake the phonics screening check at the end of year 1. Below are free games you can access to help them with their knowledge.

[www.phonicsplay.co.uk](http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk) - Please select resources and then the phase 3 tab.

[www.phonicsbloom.com](http://www.phonicsbloom.com) - select the phonics games tab and then phase 3.

Don't forget your child needs a **water bottle** in class each day. This has to be filled with **water** please.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact use via dojo or the office. Please don't forget we regularly update Dojo about what is happening in school so if you do not currently have access to this please speak to your child's teacher.

