



# Year 1 - Class Newsletter

## Spring 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome to back to school. We hope you had a lovely rest and a relaxing break. Here is a quick update about what will be happening in our year group this half term.

### This half term

Year 1 will turn into historians and explore a significant event from the past, The Great Fire of London! As we look closely at London, we will be reading books about a very famous character who visited our capital city from Peru! We will also be very excited to celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 6th March 2025, where pupils can come to school dressed as a book character or wearing their pyjamas! We will also continue to focus on reading alien words, which are decodable words your child needs to be able to read when completing the Phonics Screen Check. This is a statutory assessment, which will take place the week beginning Monday 9th June 2025. A letter detailing information has already been emailed to parents during the course of this academic year.

Please remember to continue to send in reading books, planners and a water bottle daily. Your child will also need to bring back their PE kit, which can stay in their locker for the duration of this half term.

### Homework

Homework will continue to be sent out every Monday and needs to be returned back to school each Friday. This includes our weekly spellings, which are tested on Friday. As discussed at the parent meetings, reading plays a crucial role in Year 1. Pupils should be reading daily for 10 minutes. The purpose of reading is to develop fluency (how quickly pupils can read the words) and also comprehension (which checks if they understand what words they have been reading).

Please make sure you date and sign when your child reads at home. It would also be very helpful if you could make a note of the pages read, so staff know which page to read from when working with your child in school.

### Learning Challenge

Our learning challenge this half term is to answer the question 'Why did the Great Fire of London start?' We will look at the sequence of events before and during the fire as well as the impact this had on London in the future.



**Thank you in advance for all your support this half term.**

Any questions, please come and see us at the end of the day or contact us via class dojo.

**Kind regards,  
Miss Riaz (Sharks) and Miss Ali (Dolphin).**

	<b>Here is an overview of our learning across the curriculum this term.</b>
<b>English:</b>	Descriptions and recounts
<b>Maths:</b>	Place value and measurement
<b>Reading:</b>	Paddington Bear
<b>History</b>	The Great Fire of London
<b>Science:</b>	Caring for the planet and Planting
<b>Computing:</b>	Animated Story Books
<b>DT:</b>	Moving books
<b>RE:</b>	Why should we care for the world?
<b>PSHE:</b>	Rights and responsibilities
<b>Music:</b>	Round and Round