# Year 1 Term 2 Newsletter

Dear Parents/ Carers.

We are happy with how well the children have came back to start term 2.

This term, our topic is 'The World Beyond our Window' and we will be using the text 'Dear Greenpeace'. We will have a big Geography focus this term.

### Support at Home

Please read with your child at least 5 times a week and record it in their reading logs. This includes both their phonetically decodable book and their 50- reads book. Please make sure you help your child to look after these books and ensure they return them. When you share these books, please remember to comment in your child's reading record.

Please keep practising counting objects and recognising numbers in the environment. Also, please also take any opportunity to record numbers, ensuring they are the correct orientation.

Thank you.

#### Reminders

Children are not required to bring big bags to school, but do need their book bags, if possible please remove any large dangling accessories from book bags.

Please make sure they have this, with their reading record and reading book in school everyday.

#### Key Dates for term 2

World Kindness Day/Odd Socks day—Monday 13th November
Anti-bullying week—Monday 13th November
Maths Open Morning—Thursday 23rd November 9am
Christmas Jumper Day—Thursday 7th December

Year 1 / Year 2 Christmas Carol Concert to parents—Thursday
14th December

Christingle—Monday 18th December End of term—Tuesday 19th December

#### Active Learning

This term, the children will be building their stamina and improving their well-being by participating in the skipping and participating in fundamentals—Rugby.

# The World Beyond Our Window

#### Computing

Children will be taught to:

- Predict what will happen for a simple sequence of instructions (algorithm)
- Investigate how algorithms work
- Make and improve an algorithm/program to achieve a simple outcome
- Learn how to keep safe when using the internet

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Children will be taught about:

 Celebrating what makes us unique through recognising our similarities and differences.

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Children will be taught about:

 The Christmas Story and the gifting and receiving of gifts.

#### Maths

Children will be taught to:

- Learn addition facts for 5-10
- Learn subtraction facts for 5-10

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- Understanding numbers to 100
- Fluency of counting 0-30
- Properties of 3D Shape

#### Music

Children will be taught to:

- Understand pitch, and make high and low vocal sounds.
- Contrast changes in pitch with changes in dynamics
- Perform a song considering pitch and dynamics.

## English

Children will learn how to:

- Write sentences for a purpose using phonics to support spelling and capital letters and full stops within their writing.
- Use an exclamation marks.
- Use 'and' to join words.
- Write a series of linked sentences to write a story and an invitation.



Children will be taught to:

- Explore colour, primary and secondary.
- Use handprints to create patterns.
- Explore pattern making.

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#### Science

Children will be taught to:

- Build on our experience of materials from term 1
- Describe the simple physical properties of everyday materials - link to uses in world.
- Compare and group together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of their simple physical properties.
- Carry out scientific tests of different properties.
- Develop our understanding of the seasons and the weather—record and measure rain fall

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Children will be taught:

- Skipping
- Fundamental—Rugby. Learn to hold and run with the ball. Play as a team towards achieving a goal.



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#### Geography

Children will be taught to:

- Understand and identify physical and human features in our local environment.
- Explore simple maps and simple symbols.
  - Draw maps with simple symbols.
  - Use a simple key.