



## Spring Termly Newsletter Year 1

I would like to say a big thank you to all the parents and children for making me feel so welcome. We have had a fabulous Autumn term in Year 1, full of learning and fun!

A huge well done to every child who performed in our Nativity. They were all absolutely fantastic, we are incredibly proud of how hard they worked to learn the songs, and we hope you enjoyed watching the performance

Please can I also remind you that, if you have not already done so, the £10 voluntary contribution still can be paid through Arbor. This helps us fund the many enrichment activities and visits planned for the children.

**Please have a read of this newsletter to find out what we will be doing this term.**

### Curriculum:

This half term, we are excited to welcome a visiting company who will be teaching the children all about the Great Fire of London which links with our history topic in the summer term.

In English, we will be exploring the stories *Zog* and *The Enormous Turnip*. The children will use these texts to create their own innovated characters and write their own innovated versions of familiar stories.

In Maths, we are currently learning about place value within 20, and later this half term we will move on to place value within 50, as well as length and height, mass and volume, and addition and subtraction.

In Science, we will be learning about *Everyday Materials*, exploring a range of materials and their properties through hands-on investigations. In DT, the children will be designing and creating a house for a book character. In Music, we will be exploring different styles of music, and in Computing, we will be learning how to create simple codes.

### Reading:

Reading is a fundamental skill that supports children's success across the curriculum. In Year 1, we are continuing to add to the children's 'reading wands' in class for those who read at least four times a week. Children have access to a wide variety of books in school, but it is especially important that they are reading their phonics books at home to support their progress. Please make sure you are writing in your child's reading diary when you read at home so that we can keep track of this.



### PE:

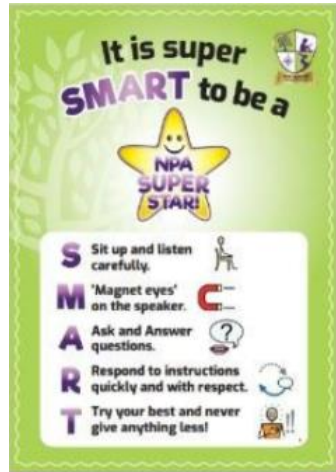
We have PE every Monday and Friday afternoon. It is important that all children have the correct PE kit for both indoor and outdoor sessions, as they cannot take part without it.

At the start of each half term, children should bring their PE kits to school and leave them on their pegs. If you want your child to bring their PE kit home on a more regular basis to be washed, please do so but ensure it is sent back into school for their PE days. PE kits will be used on PE days only, and children will change into and out of their kits at school.

PE kits will be sent home at the end of each half term. If they become dirty during a PE lesson, they may be taken home earlier to be washed and then returned to school.

Northbrook **HEART** values:

- Happiness
- Empathy
- Aspiration
- Respect
- Teamwork



The **NPA** way!

Thank you for your continued support throughout the term. I hope you all have a lovely and restful break, and I look forward to seeing everyone in the new term. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to speak to me on the door or send me a message on Seesaw.

### Key dates:

#### January

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> - Children return to school

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> - Birthday Lunch

WB Monday 26<sup>th</sup> - Whole School Test Week

#### February

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> - Y1 Great Fire of London Visitors

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February - Break up for half term

14<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> Half term

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> - Children return to school

#### March

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> - Birthday Lunch


Friday 6<sup>th</sup> - World Book Day Celebrations

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> - Mother's Day Lunch

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> - Parent's Evening

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> - Bingo

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> - Finish for Easter 2.10pm/2.15pm

<div>  Northbrook Timetable Year 1 </div>					
Times	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8.45-9	Mental maths starter	Handwriting practice	Mental maths starter	Handwriting practice	Mental maths starter
9.00-9.45	Phonics	Phonics	Phonics	Phonics	Phonics
9.45-10.45	Handwriting	Handwriting	Handwriting	Handwriting	Handwriting
	English	English	English	English	English
10.45-11	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
11-11.50	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths
11.50-12.10	Mastering number	Mastering number	Mastering number	Mastering number	Mastering number
12.10-1	Lunchtime	Lunchtime	Lunchtime	Lunchtime	Lunchtime
1-3.15	Book of the week	Book of the week	Book of the week	Book of the week	Comprehension
	Phonics boost	Phonics boost	Phonics boost	Phonics boost	Phonics boost
	PE	History (Ms Hall)	PSHE (Ms Hall)	Science	PE
	Music	Computing (Ms Hall)	RE (Ms Hall)	DT	
	Whole school assembly	Picture news	Singing assembly	SMSC assembly	Celebration assembly