



# Year 1 Term 3 Newsletter

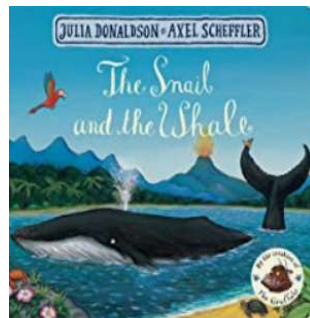
## Welcome to Term 3

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Happy New Year to you and your families!

We hope that you all had a happy and safe holiday from school. We look forward to welcoming the children back and hearing all about their break.

We are excited to share two new texts this term: Meerkat Mail and The Snail and the Whale.



In Phonics, we continue to learn the Phase 5 sounds and practise applying our knowledge of the alternative sounds. We apply this phonic knowledge daily in our reading and writing. We are continuing to practise segmenting and blending sounds to increase fluency in both reading and in writing.

In writing, we will learn to spell the days of the week and apply this in our sentence writing. We will learn to use the conjunction 'and' to join clauses to write a narrative piece.

In Maths, we will be learning about the addition and subtraction facts for the numbers 11-16. The children will partition the numbers in different ways and write addition number sentences to represent the number. From this we will learn the subtraction facts that make the number family. We will also be learning about measurement. We will compare and order lengths and heights using non-standard units.

In Science, we will be comparing and describing the structure of common animals. We will identify and name common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals. The children will learn about carnivores, herbivores, and omnivores.

In History, we start our exciting topic on the Titanic. The children will learn about what life was like on board as well as placing the events on a timeline. They will think about the lives of significant people on the past and learn how history in the past impacts on the world today.

We will continue to enjoy weekly lessons in PSHE, RE, History, DT, Computing, Music and PE. The children will continue their weekly cycling and PE lessons on a Thursday afternoon. Please ensure that your child comes to school each Thursday wearing their PE kits and that they have their bike and helmet in school ready for cycling. Thank you for your support when leaving bikes outside Chipmunks each morning and collecting them from the top playground at the end of the day.

Homework will continue to be given out on a Friday and will be due in on the following Wednesday alongside their reading record. Please continue to record your child's reading in their reading record each day and aim for a minimum of 5 reads per week. Please remember we only count 1 read per day.

Please continue to join us to celebrate our successes during the celebration assemblies on Friday mornings on Teams. We will celebrate children's academic learning, values-based successes and reading achievements. If your child has an out-of-school achievement, please do let us know so that we can celebrate this as well.

Thank you for your continued support.

### The Year 1 Team

Please email the class teacher if there is anything you wish to discuss.

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