



# Year 1 Newsletter



Spring 2 Term 2026

## PE this term

PE this term is on  
**Wednesday and Thursday**

### PE Uniform:

black shorts, white t shirt  
and trainers, and remove  
any earrings/jewellery

## What's Going On This Term..

In English we are reading 'The Storm Whale' and 'The Town Mouse and Country Mouse' and basing our writing on these books. In Maths we move our learning to numbers to 50. We also explore measuring length, mass and volume.

Our topic work is learning the countries of the United Kingdom in Geography and animals in Science. We will be having some farm animals visit us to look at different animal groups.

We will also learn about the artist Edward Tingatinga and create work in his style.

## Dates Coming Up...

World Book Day – 5/3

Science Week – 9/3 – 11/3

Red Nose Day – 21/03

Chocolate Fayre – 26/3

*More info to come on these  
dates!*

## Needed/Wanted/Don't Forget!

Don't forget to practise your child's  
reading and encourage them to read  
other books at home.

## Key Vocab we might use...

Geography – United Kingdom,  
England, Scotland, Wales, Northern  
Ireland

Science – parts of the body,  
carnivore, omnivore, herbivore, fish,  
mammals, reptiles, amphibians,  
birds

# Year 1 Spring Term Home Learning Menu

## Reading

- Read as many books as you can!
- Ask an adult to ask you questions about what you have read – can you answer them?
- Talk about what has happened in the book
- Make a prediction about what might happen next
- Be a tricky word or a digraph detective!
- Design a new character or a new front cover!
- Look on [www.oxfordowl.co.uk](http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk)

## Writing

- Make sure your letters are sitting on the line – don't forget your tall and tail letters!
- Write some sentences about a picture from a story, or about your weekend. Make sure you use capital letters, full stops, finger spaces and neat writing.
- Think of some words that you can add er, est, or ing to (e.g. help, jump) – practice spelling them!

## Maths

- Count forwards and backwards to 20
- Practice your number bonds to 10 (e.g. 9+1, 4+6)
- How many tens and ones does each number to 20 have?
- Add and subtract to 20 – can you record this as a number sentence?
- Use the [www.topmarks.co.uk](http://www.topmarks.co.uk) website to choose some maths games

## Topic

- This term, we're learning about the countries of the United Kingdom. Could you find this on a map or a globe? Can you find where we live? Have you been to anywhere else in the United Kingdom?
- We are also learning about Edward Tinga Tinga. Find out who he was and why he is famous.

