

# Year 1

## NEWSLETTER

### Welcome Back To School!

We hope that you had a lovely Christmas break and are looking forward to an exciting Spring Term. This term is our 'Explore' term, where the children will be focusing on Geography. Our Big Question will be 'How is one day different around the world?' and the children will be finding out about the UK, using a map, globe and compass, locating the Equator, North and South Pole and learning about the features of hot and cold places. More information about our Big Question can be found on the project placemat, which is on the Year 1 Class Page on the Abbey Gates website.

### Dates for your diary

- Parent Teacher Learning Reviews on 17th and 18th January.
- INSET Day on Friday 9th February.
- A visit to Ravenshead Library on Friday 12th January at 9am - Please let us know if you are available to join us for this visit.

### Reading Support

We are seeking volunteers to assist with reading across all year groups. If you are available to lend your support, please let us know. Your help can significantly improve reading development and any assistance would be greatly appreciated. We can be flexible with days and times.

PE will continue to take place each Tuesday and Friday. Mr Martin teaches PE on Friday afternoons. Please ensure that your child wears their PE kit to school on these days, long hair is in a bobble and jewellery is removed.

Each Friday, the children will visit the school library to change their 'Reading for Pleasure' book. Please ensure that they have this book with them on Fridays.

RSHE – Talking Points and Zones of Regulation  
This term, we continue with our work on the Zones of Regulation. You can find some of our children talking about this on the school website under Learning/Relationships and Behaviour/The Zones of Regulation.

# *This term, we are learning...*

## **English**

Our focus text this half term will be Biscuit Bear by Mini Grey. The children will be writing:

- A retell of the story,
- An innovated version of the story,
- Instructions for 'How to make a bear puppet',
- An advertisement to sell their bear puppets.

In Phonics, the children will be learning the Phase 5b graphemes.

## **Maths**

This term, we will be focusing on Place Value within 50 and Addition and Subtraction within 20.

## **Science**

This term, we will be focusing on Materials. The children will learn to distinguish between an object and the material which it is made of and identify, compare and group and name everyday materials and describe their simple physical properties,

## **Computing**

This term, we will be learning to produce simple spreadsheets.

## **PE**

Our focuses will be agility, balance and coordination and team games.

## **RE**

We will be learning about beliefs and teachings - through the stories of Jesus, thinking about how religious stories make a difference to people's lives.

## **RSHE**

Our key questions will be about kindness.

## **Music**

We will learn about rhythm and pitch.

## **DT**

We will be designing and making bear puppets.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT, THE YEAR 1 TEAM**