

# Year 1 Spring 1 Newsletter

## Miss Allad and Miss Jeffreys

### January – February 2025



Welcome back and Happy New Year! We hope you all had a restful break over the holidays and are looking forward to the year ahead. We certainly are feeling very happy about the progress the children are making and how settled and happy they are in their classes.

#### English

In English, we will be learning all about Space and the Moon Landings. The children will learn lots of knowledge through history lessons and our key texts. We will read 'Look Up!' and 'Man on the Moon' to learn about astronauts and what it is like on the moon. The children will write a recount about a day on the moon and we will read our recounts out loud. For our hook, we will become astronauts for the day and carry out some of the jobs Bob from Man on the Moon did. We will collect rocks, do a moonwalk, plant the flag on the moon and create footprints. We will finish with a picnic.



#### Reading

Your child's book will be changed every week. Each Thursday books will be collected in and new books will be given out on Fridays. Please make sure your child brings in their reading book and planners to school **every day**, as the children will be read during school time.

***Please read with your child at least three times a week and sign the planners every week.***

#### Maths

In maths, the children will begin to learn about numbers to 20 and 50 and consolidate their knowledge of numbers to 10. Children will learn how to add and subtract numbers to 20 in different ways and using different methods. We will also learn how to double numbers within 20 and use Numicon to support our understanding.

#### PE

Please come to school wearing the correct PE uniform on your child's PE days. The PE kit needs to be a **plain** black polo top with black jogging bottoms. P.E days are Tuesdays and Fridays!

#### Other information

Start of term: Monday 6th January 2025

Safer Internet Day: 11th February 2025

If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to get in touch by speaking directly to us on the door at the end of the school day or on Class Dojo.



Many thanks,  
The Year 1 Team

#### You can help by:

At the end of Year 1 children should know all of their Set 1, Set 2 and Set 3 phonics sounds.

Please practise these at home with your child regularly using the video links below or typing Set 1 and 2 or 3 RWI sounds into Youtube. If you need any support accessing this, please consult your child's class teacher.

Set 1 pure sounds - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s6OiU2h3sUI>

Set 2 sounds- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p7hRbrpq5Bo>

Set 3 sounds- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2o2b7nL1jrg>

Listening to your child read and sharing stories with them is so important. Please ask questions about the book to check your child's understanding. The books taken home by the children are of a high quality so it's important to make the best use of them, as they have been carefully matched to the reading level.

Here is a useful list of the 100 high frequency words. Please help your child to read and spell as many of these words as possible: <https://www.highfrequencywords.org/hfw100fp.pdf>

Hit The Button is a fun game where children can practise number bonds, addition facts and times tables. It can be played on most devices. <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>