



**Year 1
Newsletter**

10.01.25

Hello everybody – Welcome back and a very happy new year! We are so excited to be starting our Spring term. This is a term of lots of change in Year 1 as we now have 3 working groups at a time. We have begun to phase out some areas of provision, based on our observations of which areas the children have least use of. We have also extended our writing area as they love this and it is now a ‘writing, illustrating & creating’ zone!

Creative development

This half term our focus is drawing and painting. We will be learning about primary and secondary colours, different brush strokes and a range of artists including Fadojutimi, Kandinsky, and Pollock.

Maybe you could:

Practice mixing colours at home, visit Leeds Art Gallery or another free art exhibition.

Language, Literacy & communication

We will be learning about poetry and information texts about night animals, and Traditional Tales and Fables. We will be continuing with our learning of phonics to support us towards our Phonics Screening Test in June.

Maybe you could:

Read rhyming books and identify rhyming words.

Mathematical Development

We will start by working on subtraction within 20 before moving on to place value (within 50). We will need to be able to subtract as well as find missing numbers e.g. $__ - 2 = 4$.

Maybe you could:

Play place value to 50 games at home on a computer or tablet. Make number sentences using objects and hide one part of the number sentence to practice understanding of missing numbers.

Homework, spelling and reading: We have been very impressed with the children’s determination to learn their spellings last half term. We are so looking forward to seeing their determination continue to pay off!

Knowledge & Understanding of the world

Our topic is the Great Fire of London. We will generate and find the answers to our questions and find out what happened that day. We have a visitor from History to Life to really cement this learning- payment will be through a link on Dojo.

Maybe you could: Research the Great Fire of London at home, visit the library to see if there are any information books.

Personal & Social Development, wellbeing & cultural diversity

We will be learning about what makes us and others special as well as our roles and responsibilities at home and in school. We will think about helpful and unhelpful behaviour on the playground and classroom.

Maybe you could:

Ensure you have a job at home, such as laying the dinner table, making the bed or cleaning out a pet’s cage.

Physical Development

PE this half term WILL NOW BE ON A WEDNESDAY, with a dedicated PE specialist delivering the sessions. Please ensure your child comes to school in kit on WEDNESDAYS from this week onwards. Thanks so much!

Maybe you could:

Go on lots of winter walks.