

Year 1 Spring Term Newsletter



Welcome back everyone! I hope that you have had an enjoyable time over the Christmas holidays and that you feel relaxed and ready to learn this term. We have lots of exciting learning this term and I can't wait to get started.

We have a special treat this half-term! The production team from "The Elves and the Shoemaker" are coming into school to put on a performance for Class One. We will be using this performance as a starting point to do some drama activities, so that we can write a recount of the story.



Why am I incredible?

Every single one of us is incredible in our own special way and this term we will be exploring all of the reasons why. All of our learning this term will be centred on this topic with different learning challenges each week...

Why am I so special? We will be looking at the special qualities and characteristics that we have. We will be comparing what we could do when we were younger to what we can do now and how we have changed. We will be using the characters from Super Worm and The Hare and Tortoise to see what qualities they have that make them special.



What special things do I have? Poetry week! We will be reciting poems off by heart and creating our own that explain why we are all incredible. We will also be having a 'bring something special' into school day during this week on Monday 21st Jan. Start to think about what you would like to share with the class during this week. We will be writing poems based on the special item that you bring in.



What super power would you wish for?

We will be using video clips from some of our favourite super hero films and writing our own captions trying to imagine what they might be thinking or what they might say. We will be using our prediction skills to say what will happen next (you can practise this skill when you are reading at home too). We will be looking at the possible places and lairs super heroes could be living and learning the geographical physical features that surround their homes.

Who is incredible in our community?

We will be writing questions and looking at people within our school community to find out more about their roles and responsibilities. We will also be looking at local incredible people and their daily jobs and routines including doctors, fire fighters, soldiers and many more.



Reading It is so important that reading at home happens. When you have read with your child at home please write in their reading diary so that I can see how they are getting on. Children will be reading in school too so it is essential that they bring their reading book and diary into school

every day! If a child's book needs changing, it is their responsibility to put it in the 'change me' box in the classroom.

P.E. We are so lucky that we get to do yoga classes every Tuesday afternoon. We also have a P.E session on a Wednesday and we need P.E kits for this. We ask that you send in a named P.E kit in a P.E bag for the whole half-term. We will send it back before the holidays to be washed.

PSHE (Personal, Social & Health Education). This half-term we will be recognising and respecting similarities and differences in ourselves and others. We will also be looking at growing and changing, which links into our science topic for the half-term.

Homework. Homework challenges will be sent out for the half-term based around our topic. For every piece of completed homework shown in school, 5 Dojos will be awarded. Please bring homework in to show on a Friday. We have a homework display in Class 1 that our work will be added to so we can show off all the efforts made.



Please don't hesitate to speak to me after school if you have any queries or questions. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Miss Beety

Mrs Vladev

Important dates

Monday 14 th January	Elves and the Shoemaker performance
Monday 21 st January	Bring something special to school today!!
Monday 21 st and Tuesday 22 nd	Parent's Evening
Friday 15 th February	Finish for Half Term holidays.
Monday 25 th February	INSET day.
Tuesday 26 th February	Return to school