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Year 1/2 newsletter

Welcome back!

We hope you have had a lovely Christmas break. We are looking forward to continuing our learning alongside lots of fun! If you have any concerns at all, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Year 1/2 team. We are happy to help. We are really looking forward to working with you to make sure that your child fulfils their potential and has the best learning experience. The best help you can give is to make sure your child attends every day on time. Attending every day enables your children to build upon their learning and further their understanding. Every school day is planned to help your child to achieve, so excellent attendance is vital. Please also ensure that your child has a healthy breakfast e.g. cereal, with lots of early nights, to ensure they can concentrate fully and give their best.

**Animals, including humans**

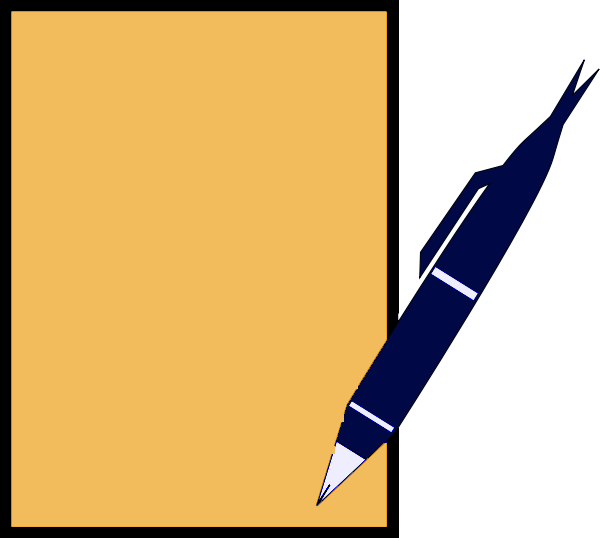
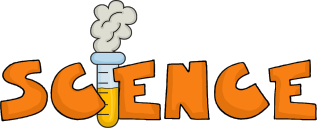
structure of plants and animals outside

of their locality.

*Biology*

Children will be able to identify and describe the basic structure of common plants and trees children will also be able to identify the different ways that humans and invertebrates feel, see, smell and taste.

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**English:**

Children in Year 1 and 2 will be working towards the following in English:

* To develop reading skills (summarising key events, inference about characters)
* To write a traditional story using the past tense, with a beginning, middle and end
* To use a range of conjunctions in their writing.
* To use noun phrases to aid description
* To spell words using their phonics knowledge and common exception words with increasing accuracy
* To write a diary in role as a character from the story
* To begin to use apostrophes for contraction.

**Phonics:**

Phonics will continue to take place twice daily. Some children will do two sessions of speed sounds and word time, whereas some children will do one speed sound session and a story time session to develop their reading skills.

Please keep reading books in your child’s book bag, so they can be changed when needed.



This term, year 1 children will be focusing on numbers within 20. They will be looking at representing numbers as well as addition and subtraction within 20.

Year 2 children will be focusing on multiplication and division. We will be learning new strategies to help solve multiplication and division problems.

Children will also be completing number sense lessons daily, this will allow children to see numbers or images up to 10 without counting. They will be able to visually see the image and just say what they see.

It is important for children to be using Numbots daily, in order to keep their speed and knowledge of number bonds up to scratch.

**Key vocabulary:** add , subtract, multiply, divide, equal groups, total, equation

* **Matter**
* **Melting**
* **Melting point**
* **Solid**
* **State of matter**
* **Temperature**
* **Thermometer**
* **Water cycle**
* **Matter**
* **Melting**

Feb 7th – 13th – Children’s mental health week

Feb 8th – Safer internet day

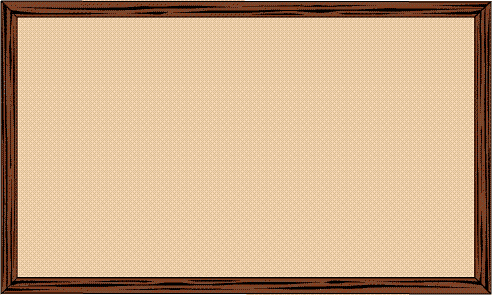
Feb 18th - School closes



**Geography** – We will be learning about where different food comes from within the UK. The children will be identifying different types of foods (fast food, processed food and fresh food). The children will also be identifying different foods from different regions. We will also be doing some taste testing!

**PE** – We will be learning how to play netball. The children will be learning how to pass the ball to an open space for someone to catch. The children will also learn why netball is classed as an invasion game.

**PSHE**- This term’s topic is all about living in the wider world. The children will be thinking and learning about our key question ‘what is a community?’.



**Things to remember:**

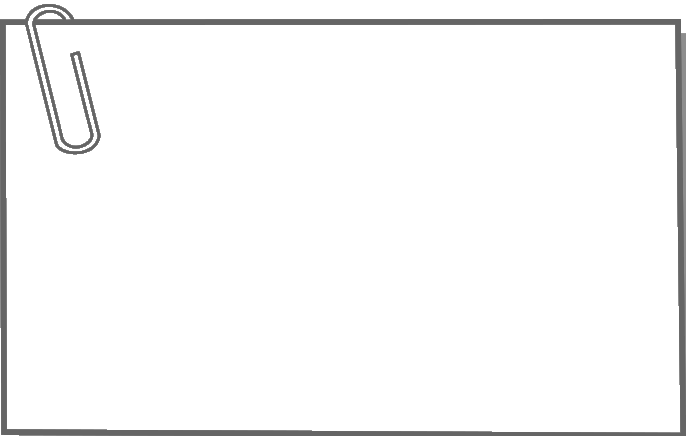
PE is on a Monday afternoon. Please ensure children have their kit every week.

Planners should be handed in every day. Please record in here when your child has read at home and sign weekly. Books will be changed twice weekly on a Tuesday and Thursday, but must be brought daily for 1:1 reading.

Useful websites:

[www.numbots.com](http://www.numbots.com)

E-safety link: <http://www.safetynetkids.org.uk/>



**Reading** – Year 1 and 2 pupils should be reading for at least 15 minutes every day. When reading with your child, encourage them to sound out tricky words using their phonics and discuss any unfamiliar vocabulary. Stop them regularly, to check their understanding, as this will support them with their learning. Some questions you could ask: what are the characters thinking/feeling? How do you know?

**Numbots**- Children should be accessing Numbots for at least 10 minutes every day- we are monitoring progress daily and giving out lots of achievement points so please continue to support this at home.

Thank you.