



Friday 9th January 2026

Class 1

Spring 1 Half Term Newsletter

Happy New Year, I hope you all had a magical Christmas holiday and a well earned rest. It is lovely to have everyone back and ready for a busy Spring 1 half term!



Phonics: Children will be accessing either Phase 3, Phase 4 or Phase 5 Phonics in class and whilst in provision. We will be looking at and learning our new tricky words alongside the Year 1 common exception words.



English: This half term our class novel is Lost and Found by Oliver Jeffers. We will be exploring this book, and then create our own story based around a hot or cold animal. As our topic is around hot and cold places and animals, we will be gathering information to create an information text about a specific habitat and animal.



Maths: This half term we are continuing with developing our place value skills alongside exploring, sequencing and sorting, fractions, capacity and volume, money and time.

We will be using different practical methods with lots of manipulatives to help us learn our new skills.

PE: This half term we are developing our gymnastic skills. We will be developing different ways to travel, jump and roll to finally be able to confidently demonstrate travelling, rolling and jumping into a sequence with two different shapes using an apparatus.

I am looking forward to seeing the end routines!

Topic:
Geography and Science are the main topic drivers; we will focus on different locations within the world that are hot and cold. We will be developing our knowledge of the seven continents within our world and why the equator has such an impact on the habitats in which animals live. We will be exploring the climate in both hot and cold places and how animals have adapted to survive in such conditions. We will also explore human and physical features and the weather in hot and cold countries.

Music/Computing/DT: Within music this half term we are focusing on learning and hearing the pulse and rhythm alongside learning the song "In the Groove!"

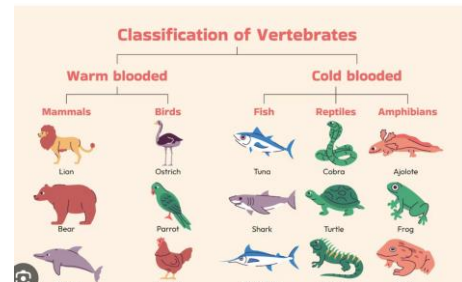
Within DT we will be exploring moving mechanisms and create a moving story book based on our information about hot and cold animals!

During our computing lessons we will completing a unit of work called Rocket to the moon! During this unit we use a computer to create a list, use art software to create and design our own rockets and we will evaluate our rocket designs!



RE: In RE, we will be learning all about Islam looking at the key enquiry question "How might beliefs about creation affect the way people treat the world?" Alongside comparing the Christian and Islamic creation stories.

Science: In Science we are looking at the classification of animals, being able to identify which group the animals belong to and the key features that they have. (Warm or cold-blooded, give birth to eggs or live young.) We will be exploring the differences between mammals, fish, birds, reptiles, and amphibians. Alongside what animals eat and if they are herbivores, carnivores, or omnivores.



Reminders

- PE will take place on **Monday** and **Wednesday** mornings. If your child wears **earrings**, please remove them before the PE lesson.
- Please read with your child as much as possible as this supports and improves their phonic and reading knowledge.
- **Please make sure that your child comes to school every day with their school bag, reading book, reading record, coat and a full water bottle filled with only water.**
- Miss Halstead will not be in class on a Wednesday afternoon, but Miss Burn, Miss Bowker and Miss Hardman will be teaching in Year 1.
- Homework is given out every Friday, please can all homework folders with the completed homework be back in school for the following Friday so it can be marked and new homework set.
- If you need to contact me please feel free to email me on:
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