

Year 1 Newsletter – Spring 2026

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year!

Hope you have all enjoyed the school holidays and the children are ready for learning in Spring term.

TIMINGS: The classroom door opens at 8.50am. School starts at 9am and the classroom door will be closed. After this time, you will need to take your child to the office to sign in. Please ensure you bring your child to school on time every day. School finishes at 3:30.

The PE days are as follows:

All classes have PE on a Wednesday afternoon. In addition to this, PE will be taught on Thursday's on a rotation basis; twice every three weeks.

All classes are to come in uniform with your child's PE kit in a bag to get changed at school. All items of clothing should be named. PE kit should be blue, grey, white or black. Football shirts are not allowed. Please make sure all jewellery is removed.

Please make sure your child has a water bottle (labelled with their name) as it is important that they are able to drink water whenever they are thirsty in school. No juice is allowed.



Remember, children should bring their **reading bags to school every day**, please aim to read at home with your child at least three times a week – even more is even better! Children will get a reading for pleasure book, which will be changed once a week. They will also get a Little Wandle book, which will be in their zip wallets. We request all the parents to help their children to look after school books. Every Friday it is **Stay and Read** and your child will have an opportunity to choose a Fun Book. This is like a library service, please look after these **Fun books** and bring it back on Fridays to swap for another one.

Dogger – Shirley Hughes

Terrific Toys in The Past – William Anthony

The Story of Robin Hood – Rob Lloyd Jones

Real Castles, digital time traveller – Mike Corbishley & Michael Cooper

English:

- This term we will be studying a range of books that link with our topics. These will include: 'Dogger' by Shirley Hughes and non-fiction books about toys in the first half term. In the second half we will be studying 'The story of Robin Hood' by Alan Marks and non-fiction books about castles such as 'Real Castles' by Mike Corblishley and Michael Cooper.

Maths:

This term we will be using our ability to count read and write numbers in order to add and subtract within 20. We will learn to understand place value, which means what makes up a number (tens and units) up to 50, including the specific terminology for this, including 'partitioning.' We will also be learning about measurement, which includes length, height, weight and volume.

Topic for this term:

- Our topic this half term is 'Are these toys old or new?'. We will be looking at different toys, how they work and if they are old or new. We will also be comparing the toys and how they have changed and what materials they were made of. We would like parents and children to save any cereal boxes and lids for our toy models. Please bring them to school as and when you have them.
- After the half term we will be learning about castles. We will look at the different types of castles and what makes a castle. As part of this Topic, we are planning to take children to the Nottingham Castle. If you would like to help with this trip, please contact your child's teacher. There will be a letter to let you know when this is organised.

Messages, trip money and other reminders are sent regularly on the Arbor app. Please check you have access to this.



If you would like your child to have milk during the school day, please follow this link to pay online.

<https://coolmilk.com/>

Thank you for your support

Mrs Iqbal, Mrs McClaren, Miss Gregg, Mr Sawyer and Mrs Ballinger

Year 1 class teachers