

YEAR 1 NEWSLETTER SPRING 2 2026

Welcome to another exciting half-term in Year One!
Read on to see what we will be learning about!

ENGLISH	In English, we will be exploring some familiar traditional tales. We look more in depth at Jack and the Beanstalk. We map out the story and retell it as well as writing our own version. We also write a diary to document the growth of the bean that we plant in science. We will be doing some non-fiction writing related to our history topic, Vincent Van Gogh. We then end the half term writing and reciting Spring poems.
MATHS	In Maths, we will continue with our work on place value. The children will be given a new math's target this half term - doubles and halves of numbers up to 20. We will also move on to looking at length and height, which will involve some fun practical work.
SCIENCE	We will continue with our work on the four seasons. This half-term, we look at plants. We explore the different parts of plants and flowers as well as how they grow. We plant our own beans and keep a diary of their growth. We also have our visit to Howe Park Woods where the children will be doing some hands-on work about plants.
HISTORY	In history, we explore the history of Vincent van Gogh and create a timeline of his life. We also write a biography about him using key facts that we have researched.
ART	In art, we look at the work of the Spanish artist - Joan Miro. We create our own artwork inspired by his work.
COMPUTING	In our 'Computer Systems and Networks' unit, the children will develop their understanding of technology and how it can help us. The children will start to become familiar with the different components of a computer by developing their keyboard and mouse skills. We will also consider how to use technology responsibly.
PSHE	In PSHE, we look at the unit - We're all stars. We recap our class rules and expectations. We also look at making SMART choices and how to be a good friend.
RE	In RE, we will be answering the question: How do Christians remember Jesus at Easter? We will be learning about how Christians celebrate Easter and what role the Church plays in the celebration.

PLEASE REMEMBER...

PE: We will be doing inside and outside PE (weather permitting of course) again this half term, so please ensure your child wears the correct PE kit to school on PE days - Monday and Thursday. Thank you. The children will also be continuing with their fun outdoor learning sessions on a Wednesday. Please ensure your child has the correct clothing. Thank you.

HOMEWORK: The children will continue to be issued with homework on a Friday. The homework should be returned by the following Wednesday by sending it into school. Please also remember that completing at least 5 minutes on Numbots is also a weekly homework requirement. Upton class have recently won the Numbots trophy, but to do this EVERYONE in the class must play. It would be great if we could keep the trophy in Year 1 this half term! We appreciate your cooperation with this. Spellings and maths target tests will also carry on as normal every Monday. The children will be receiving a new maths target this half term - doubles and halves.

DIARY DATES:

Thursday 5th March - WORLD BOOK DAY (more details to follow).

Tuesday 10th March am - Upton trip to Howe Park Woods.

Thursday 12th March am - Edison trip to Howe Park Woods.

We would like to thank you all for your continued support. If you have any questions or anything you wish to discuss, please feel free to send us a message by email.

Thank you
The Year 1 Team