

**Key Stage 1
Newsletter
2nd November 2018**

Welcome back, I hope you all had a lovely half term break.

This is always a busy and exciting term as we have settled in to our classroom routines and make big steps forward in our learning, alongside preparing for all the festivities! We will soon be starting the process of our Christmas nativity – the highlight of the key stage 1 calendar. More details will follow soon with the title of our play, alongside scripts and songs to learn and costumes to prepare.

I look forward to seeing you all at parents evenings next week.

Miss O'Hare

Maths

This half term, we will continue to work on our understanding of written methods for the four main operations and then we will move on to develop our understanding of shape, space and measures before some Christmas themed data handling!

Year 1s need to continue to practise counting backwards and counting forwards in steps of 2, 5 and 10. Year 2s need to continue to develop their confidence and speed recall of the 2, 5 and 10 times tables.



This half term our theme is 'Beat, Band, Boogie'. As the title suggests a lot of our learning will be around music and sound.



Within our English lessons, we will make links with the theme to support our writing of instructions, newspaper reports, narratives, lyrics and invitations.

In our music lessons we will be focusing heavily on the difference between rhythm and pulse and learning to clap in time to a beat. We will also be learning about different instruments and choosing appropriate instruments for different purposes. We will also be listening to a variety of different genres and sharing our ideas and opinions with each other about what we have heard.

In science, we will be learning about the sense of hearing and thinking about the different sounds in our environment. We will also do some different investigations to answer questions such as 'How does the amount of water in a glass affect its sound?'

In our art & design technology sessions we will be using a variety of materials to make instruments of our own and investigate how we can make music with everyday items.

Also, during our Dance (P.E.) lessons we will be practising to march in time with a beat and begin to think about body percussion!

Dates for the diary:



6th & 7th November – Parents' evenings (please check your appointment time)
Fri 16th November – Children in Need
Mon 19th November – 'Wear blue for the loo'
Tues 27th November – Book Fair arrives
Mon 3rd December – Christmas Decoration Day in class
Fri 7th December – FOPS Christmas Fayre (6-8pm)
Thurs 13th December – EYFS & KS1 Christmas Performances at 2pm and 6pm.
Fri 14th December – Christmas Jumper Day
Tues 18th December – FOPS Present room
Weds 19th December – Carol Service at 2.30pm
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Some KS1 Classroom routines & reminders:

Reading planners will be checked on a Monday morning to complete reading reward bookmarks.
If a child needs to **change their reading book** their book and planner needs to be placed in the blue tray.

Home learning will be marked on a Friday and set for the week ahead on a Friday. If there is a note that you would like me to read and respond to, please ask your child to put their book in the blue tray. I will then aim to respond to the note the same day.

Spellings will be set on a Friday and **spelling tests will take place on a Thursday.**

Miss Newlove will teach the class on a Tuesday.

Please ensure children have a **water bottle** in school.

Our **P.E. days have changed to Tuesday and Thursday.** Tuesday P.E. will usually be outside (weather permitting).