



# Year 1 Newsletter

## Autumn 2—2023/2024



### Notices and Reminders

**Thursday 30th November** - Year 1 Pantomime  
South Hill Park Arts Centre in Bracknell on  
Thursday 30th November 2023: Sleeping Beauty.  
We will be leaving school promptly at 9am.  
Children should wear school uniform as usual  
and they should bring a coat and water bottle.  
Fruit will be provided for their morning snack. The  
children are expected to arrive back at school at 12.45pm.  
Your child will need to have a packed lunch that  
day which will be left at school ready for their  
return.

### Phonics

We are learning the Phase 5 sounds:  
/or/ <au>, /ee/ <ey>, /ai/ <a-e>, /ee/ <e-e>,  
/igh/ <l-e>, /oa/ <o-e>, /oo/ /y+oo/ <u-e>, /s/  
<c>, /ee/ <y>, and /or/ <al>.  
We are learning to read the harder to read and  
spell words:  
Please, once, any, many, again, who, whole,  
where, two.



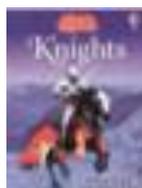
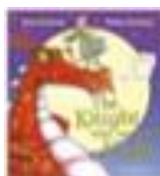
### Key dates

- Monday 30th October - Harvest Assembly -  
Donations welcomed
- Tuesday 7th November - YR-6 Flu  
Immunisations
- Friday November 10<sup>th</sup>- Remembrance-  
Children can wear Scout/Cubs/brownie  
uniforms
- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December- Christmas Jumper Day
- Friday 8th December - Christmas Jumper  
Friday
- Friday 8th December - Y1 & Y2 Christmas  
Performances 9.15am and 2.15pm (details  
to follow)
- Friday 8th December - SAVE THE DATE  
HLSA Christmas Event (After school)
- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December- Elf Run
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December- Christmas  
lunch day
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December- End of term- 1.30  
pm



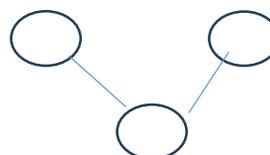
### Writing

We are going to be using 'Talk for Writing' to  
learn the story and then write it. We will focus  
on using capital letters at the start of sentences  
and full stops at the end.



### Maths

In Maths this half term we will be learning  
about addition and subtraction. We will learn  
that addition problems can be solved by using  
parts and wholes. We will learn about fact  
families and that addition and subtraction are  
the inverse of each other.



## Science

As Scientists this half term, we will be exploring different materials and comparing their properties. We will begin to use terminology such as transparent, opaque, hard, soft, rigid and flexible. We will then use our knowledge about the properties of different materials to design a new sleigh for Father Christmas, giving scientific reasons for our choices.



## Geography

Our big question this half term is 'What are the continents and oceans of the world?'. We will learn the names of the seven continents and the five oceans of the world. We will learn how to locate the continents and oceans on a map and globe. We will know that Africa is the hottest continent and that Antarctica is very cold.



## Art

In Art this half term, we are learning about painting. The children will develop their knowledge about primary and secondary colours using colour wheels. We will look at artwork by Joan Miro, who created surrealist paintings. We will recreate a surrealist painting of Miro's using thin and thick brushes.



## PE

Our focus this half term is dance. We will name the muscles children need to build up when dancing. We will explore different travelling movements and a range of jumps. We will learn that a dance phrase/ sequence is a series of dance movements. We will learn about balance and finish by creating simple dance phrases.



## RE

Our unit this term is all about Jesus. We will learn about when Jesus was born, about the parables that he told and the miracles that he performed. We will be thinking about how Jesus was able to come back to life after his crucifixion.



## PSHE

We are learning all about how to stay healthy. We will be looking at what a healthy diet is and sorting healthy and less healthy foods. We will be thinking about how to keep our bodies and our minds healthy. We will be focusing on things we can do to help our mind stay happy and healthy.



## Homework

Daily reading of school reading books.



## Suggested books for reading

- That rabbit belongs to Emily Brown - Cressida Cowell & Neal Layton
- Gorilla - Anthony Browne
- Look Up! - Nathan Bryon & Dapo Adeola

