

Year One News!!

Spring Term 2019

Dear Families,

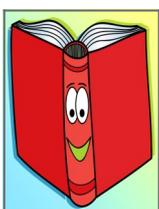
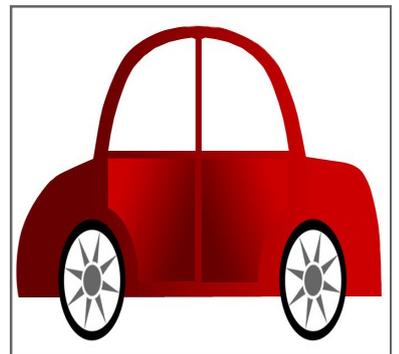
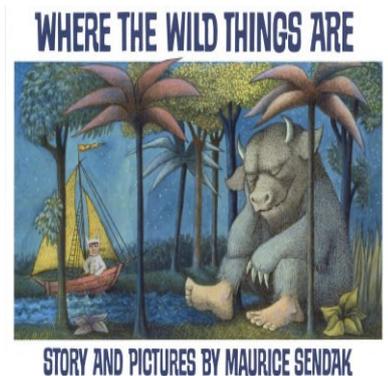
We hope that you all had a fantastic Christmas and are enjoying a Happy New Year. We would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you for all of the very kind and thoughtful presents that you gave us at the end of term.

We are looking forward to another busy term and have lots of exciting things planned including our Wild Things Wow Day on Wednesday 23rd January, which really helps to bring alive the classic book *Where the Wild Things Are*, and our trip to Brooklands Motor Museum on Friday 15th March. Our trip to Brooklands is during science week and is a very 'hands on' experience.

Topics

We have a super history-based topic this term, 'Transport through the Ages'. We will begin with a short English focus on the book 'Where the Wild Things Are' and consider the journey that Max undertakes. We then continue our transport topic by looking at the history of different forms of transport. We will be learning about significant historical figures including Christopher Columbus, the Wright brothers and Neil Armstrong. This topic will include a DT project involving wheels and axles.

The Science topic for the whole term is based on everyday materials. We will learn how to categorise materials and how to describe their properties. We also continue our ongoing science focus of learning about the changing seasons and weather.



Remember...
Horsley Library offers a broad range of books including those relevant to our topics and are always willing to help children undertake research.

Tissues and glue

We are currently very short of glue sticks in Year 1. We would be very grateful if you could now each send in a glue stick to have in our class set. A packet of tissues for your child would also be beneficial.

Thank you.

English

The children will be looking at a variety of stories, beginning with 'Where the Wild Things Are'. The children will focus on planning and structuring their story writing. We will also look at poetry and a range of non-fiction writing as part of our Transport topic.

We will be reinforcing the use of cursive handwriting and introducing joining for those who are ready, whilst beginning to use full stops, capital letters and adjectives. Our word level work will include the different sounds that the children are covering during their Letters & Sounds sessions. We are also encouraging correct spelling of high frequency words and have five words of the week that the children practise spelling during our Reading Roundabout lessons.

Reading

Please continue to listen to your child read **every day** and sign the reading record book. If your child does not have a book bag please supply a plastic wallet so that their reading book and reading record can be easily stored in their tray in the classroom and not on their peg. It is quite distracting if the children have to leave the classroom during the day to get their reading book from their peg.



Class Assemblies

1H

No class assembly this term.

1M

No class assembly this term.



P.E

Year 1 will return to having outdoor PE on a Friday afternoon. PE kit, including a school tracksuit, should be in school every day because we go out in all weathers and they need to be able to stay warm.

Indoor PE is on Wednesday morning for both classes. Please ensure that children have the correct, labelled uniform and that any earrings are removed.

Wild Things Wow Day

We will be enjoying our 'Wild Things' Wow Day on Wednesday 23rd January. Parent volunteers will be needed for a cooking activity so please let us know if you can help. We look forward to a fun day and seeing everyone dressed up as a Wild Thing of their choice!



Brooklands Trip

We will be going on our trip on Friday 15th March. All information regarding this trip will be sent via email. We will need parent helpers to allow this trip to run smoothly. Please let a member of the year 1 team know if you are DBS checked and able to help.

Personal Information

It is very important that you keep us up to date with any changes in personal details and circumstances so that both parents, in case of separation, for example, can receive all communications about their children.

Maths

We will be continuing with number work, including an introduction to multiplication and division. We will also be learning about time, money, 3D shape, fractions (halves and quarters) and mass (weight). Please see the homework sheet for more suggestions about how to support your child at home.

School Library

Library days are as follows:

1H—Monday

1M—Monday

Please ensure that your child's library book is in their book bag on the above days. There are still some overdue library books from last term. Please could you have a good hunt around at home and return any that you find or send the £5.00 lost book fee to the office. Thank you.



Mornings

This is a reminder that the school gate closes at 8.50am. If your child arrives after this time, please go to the office to register them. Children should be left to walk in on their own by the Falcon Wing, where teacher will be on duty until the whistle goes at 8.50.

The Year 1 Team