

Year One News!!

Spring Term 2017

Dear Families,

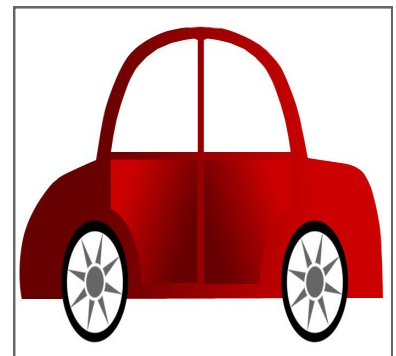
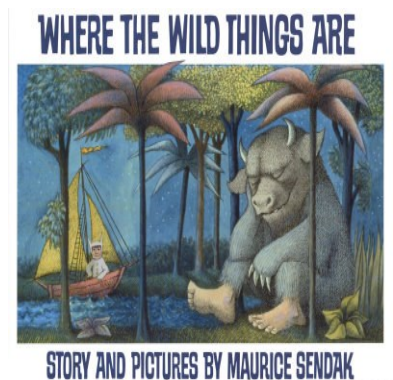
We hope that you all had a fantastic Christmas and are enjoying a Happy New Year. We would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank for all of the kind and thoughtful presents that you gave us at the end of term.

We are looking forward to another busy term and have lots of exciting things planned including our Wild Things Wow Day on Wednesday 18th January and our trip to Brooklands Motor Museum on Friday 17th March.

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 offer a broad range of books including those relevant to our topics and are always willing to help children undergo research.

English

The children will be looking at journey 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, whilst beginning to use full stops and capital letters and also 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. Don't forget to ask your child to fill in their reading diet sheet in the front of their Reading Records.

P.E

Year 1 have outdoor P.E (weather permitting) on a Thursday morning. Warm PE kit should be in school every day.

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 18th January. We look forward to a fun day and seeing everyone dressed up as a Wild Thing of their choice! Check out the PSA wardrobe in school. Costume hire from £1!



Brooklands Trip

We will be going on our trip on Friday 17th March. All information regarding this trip will be sent via email.

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.



Class Assemblies

1H—

no class assembly this term

1M—

No class assembly this term

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 by the Falcon Wing where a teacher will be on duty until the whistle goes at 8.50.

The Year 1 Team