

# Year 1 Newsletter

## Spring 2

Welcome to our Spring 2 newsletter. We hope you enjoy reading all of the exciting things we have planned for next half term. The Year 1 team wishes everyone a restful half term and we look forward to seeing you all ready for Spring 2.

### Key dates and important information:

- Spring walk to Lesnes Woods - TBC
- Trip to the Old Royal Naval College - TBC

### PE

Children will have PE on Mondays and Wednesdays. Please ensure they have their kit in school. Thank you.

### Reading Books

Children are reading regularly at school with an adult which needs to be continued at home. We will also send home physical copies of the books that **must be brought back every week. If a book is not returned, a £5 replacement fee will be issued before another book is sent home.** Also, children will be able to choose a book to take home to share with their adult each week. Any reading completed each week should be recorded in their reading diary and brought into class.

### Keeping warm

As we are in the colder months, it is very important that our children have a warm coat to wear at school. Our Year 1 children spend time learning outdoors throughout the day, so it is important they are dressed appropriately.

### Mathematics

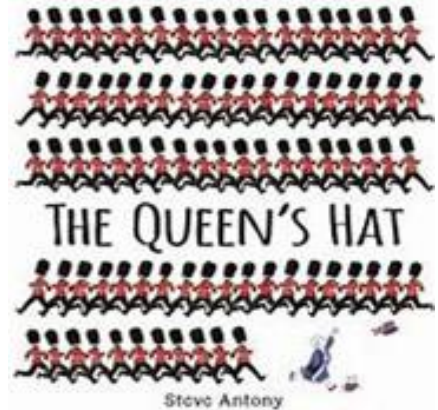
In maths this half term, we will be looking at multiplication and division and fractions.

### Science Enquiry

Our science this half term will focus on materials and learning about their properties.

Children will be exploring and testing the suitability of different materials to design an outfit for the King to wear for gardening.

### English



In English, we will continue to learn to write high quality sentences with a key focus on our transcription skills. We will use a core text for one or two weeks to inspire our writing and this half term they are: The Queen's Hat, The King's Hat and The Snail and The Whale. We will focus on writing on the line, forming letters correctly and using finger spaces. We will also be learning to write command sentences,

? Is it absorbent?

? Is it waterproof?

? Is it bendy?

? Is it stiff?

? Is it crumbly?

? Is it fluffy?

## RE

In RE we will be learning about:

- Why the Bible is important to Christians
- How Jesus taught the values that Christians live their lives by
- Some Christian stories - discussing these and relating them to our own beliefs or values



## History Enquiry

Our history this half term will focus on exploring why Greenwich is a royal borough and looking at famous royal family members who lived in the borough.

**Question:** How did the Tudors help to make Greenwich Royal?

Through this enquiry we will be looking at:

- ✓ Details of historical events connected to Greenwich.
- ✓ Details of important historical places in Greenwich.
- ✓ Details of important historical figures in Greenwich.



## Computing, PE and Music

In computing this half term, we will be starting to learn how to use programming. We will be using the software Scratch Junior that you can also access from home for free. In PE we will be focusing on improving our throwing skills and health-related exercises. In music we will be learning a range of musical vocabulary linked to the theme of 'Under the Sea'.

## How to support your child at home...

Here are some suggestions of fun things you could do to support your child with their learning this half term:

- Go onto BBC Bitesize and complete some of the games and quizzes to help your child learn about materials:  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zrsgk7/articles/z6jm7yc>
- Take a trip around Greenwich and London to explore some historical royal places. For example – St James's Palace, Eltham Palace or Kensington Gardens.
- Count steps in 2s, 5s and 10s and get creative with chalk on the pavements.
- Get the children involved in the kitchen – they have loved preparing fruits and vegetables and it even helps their hand strength for writing!