

Year 1 Newsletter

Autumn 2

Have a good break!

We hope all our pupils and their families have a lovely half term break. The coming weeks are set to be exciting and full of learning for our Year 1 pupils. Read on to find out more about what we have in store!

Key dates and important information:

- Light Up the Sky – **Friday 13th November**
- Trip to the Postal Museum – **Wednesday 2nd December**
- School individual photos – **Monday 9th November**
- Parent consultation meetings – **Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd December**
- Y1 Christmas Performance – **Wednesday 16th December**
- Carols in the playground – **Thursday 17th December**

Children will need their full PE kit in school to get changed in the classroom. Please ensure all items of clothing are clearly named. Thank you.

Year 1 will have PE on Mondays and Wednesdays this half term.

Reading Books

Children are required to access books online which are linked to their reading ability. Your child has been given a letter with the key information and password. The book set is the same book they are reading in class. We will also send home physical copies of the books that **must be brought back every Thursday**. 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 on Mondays and Fridays.

Colder weather

As we now head into the winter months, it is very important that our children have a warm winter coat to wear at school as they spend time learning outdoors throughout the day.



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:

- Speak to people that you know who have lived in Abbey Wood for a long time. Ask them about what Abbey Wood was like in the past and how has it changed. Ask your child to think of a list of questions they could ask.
- Take the Lizzy Line! The children will be learning about the Elizabeth Line as a major change in Abbey Wood within living memory. Where could you go together and how long will it take to get there?

OUR CURRICULUM

English

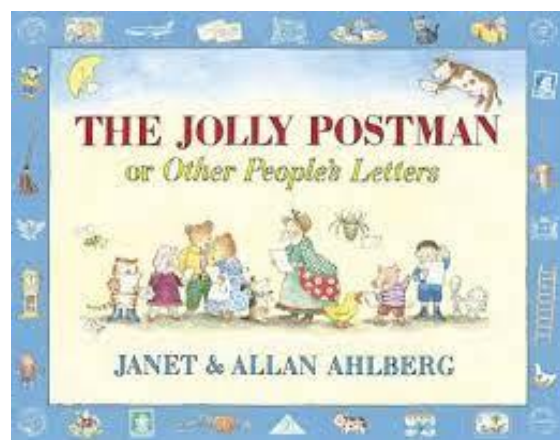
As it will be such a memorable experience for the children, our first piece of writing will be linked to our upcoming trip to the Postal Museum. We will concentrate on capital letters for names and to start sentences.

Our core text is ***The Jolly Postman*** by Janet and Allan Ahlberg. We are really excited to explore all of the traditional tales within the story. We will be using this text to inspire our writing in the form of a story retell. We will really be working on using capital letters for names and the personal pronoun 'I'. We will also consolidate our learning from last half term on using finger spaces between words and full stops to end sentences.

Mathematics

In maths, we will be adding and subtracting one- and two-digit numbers within 20 and learning our number bonds within 20. We will be consolidating and deepening our understanding of addition and subtraction by using missing numbers and part whole models.

TOP TIP- Use Numbots to support your child's understanding of number.



Geography

Our enquiry this half term will be exploring the scenario: The Jolly Postman has been given a new route – Abbey Wood.

Outcome: Devise a map of Abbey Wood that he can use on his rounds.

During this unit we will be exploring our local area, looking at maps of our local area, learning how to use a map and creating our own maps.

History

In History we will focus on how Abbey Wood has changed over time. We will be focusing on what Abbey Wood looked like in the past and how it has developed, including some of the major changes within living memory, such as the opening of the Elizabeth Line.

RE

Our learning in RE will be focused on Christianity. We will develop our understanding of the nativity story, learn who Jesus is and why he is important to Christians and start to develop an understanding of how Christians celebrate Christmas.

