

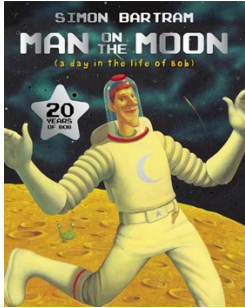


# YEAR 1 AND 2 SPRING TERM NEWSLETTER

Hello Year 1 and Year 2 families!

We hope you had a wonderful Christmas holiday and are ready for more learning this term!

## ENGLISH



We will explore the wonderful story *Man on the Moon*, which will spark our imaginations about space adventures. The children will plan and write their own narratives inspired by Bob's journey. They will work hard on using descriptive language, sequencing events, and adding detail to make their stories engaging for the reader.

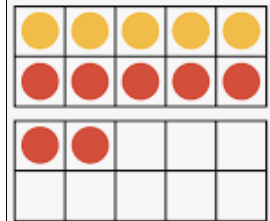
We will also enjoy reading and writing shape poems inspired by *Apes to Zebras*. The children will explore how words can create pictures and patterns, and they will experiment with layout and language to make their own imaginative poems.

## MATHS

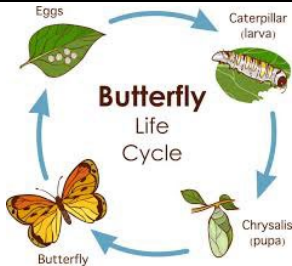
In maths this term, we will focus mostly on place value and addition and subtraction. Year 1s will explore the place value of numbers to 20, and will add and subtract amounts within 20. They will then look at numbers to 50. The children will also explore length, height, mass, capacity and volume in a practical way.

Year 2s will multiply and divide amounts by sharing and grouping, and apply counting in groups to multiplication and division problems. They will then explore length and height by measuring and comparing in both centimetres and metres. They will also explore capacity, mass and volume.

The children will also learn the value of money and use it to solve problems.



## SCIENCE



Next term in science, Year 1 and Year 2 children will learn all about animals and how they grow.

The children will learn that animals, including humans, have offspring which grow into adults. They will look at what baby animals are called and match them to their adult.

In the next half term, children build on their knowledge of growth and changes, and learn about the life cycle of humans and animals. We will observe the life cycle of a butterfly first hand in our classes.

## GEOGRAPHY

This term, we will be learning all about the geography of the United Kingdom! The children will discover the four countries that make up the UK – England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland – and learn to identify their capital cities on a map. We will explore the physical features of the UK, such as mountains, rivers, and coastlines, and talk about how these features shape the land. The children will also learn about human geography, including towns, cities and landmarks that make each country special.

As part of our work, we will use maps and atlases to locate places, practice using directional language (north, south, east, west), and understand the concept of islands and seas surrounding the UK.



## HISTORY



Next term, Year 1 and 2 will be stepping back in time to learn all about explorers from the past! The children will discover who these brave individuals were, where they travelled, and why their journeys were so important.

We will explore the lives of famous explorers such as Ibn Battuta Robert Falcon Scott and Neil Armstrong, and others who changed the way we understand the world. The children will learn how these explorers prepared for their adventures, the challenges they faced and the impact they had on history.

## ART



This half term in art, Year 1 and Year 2 children will explore simple print making skills, using line, shape, colour and texture to explore pattern, sequencing and symmetry.

## DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY

Next half term in design and technology, Year 1 and Year 2 children will learn how to prepare fruit and vegetables. They will plan and make a fruit salad which they can then taste. We will make this with our adults, inviting them into school to help with the project making and tasting.



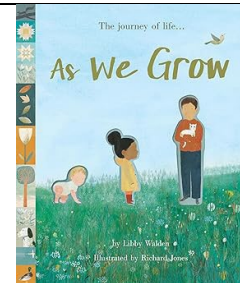
## PERSONAL SOCIAL HEALTH & ECONOMIC EDUCATION



This half term in PSHE, Year 1 and Year 2 children will be learning all about how to keep themselves safe and about how to keep themselves healthy through good hygiene and diet.

## RELATIONSHIP AND SEX EDUCATION

In RSE, we will understand that babies grow up into adults and the differences between girl and boy babies. Our book recommendation to support this topic is: As We Grow by Libby Walden



## COMPUTING



Year 1 and Year 2 children will explore how to keep safe online and to check with a trusted adult if they are unsure of anything. The children will also look at animation and create their own simple stop animation using iPads.

## CYBER SAFETY

Our e-safety learning will focus on using online games, such as RoBlox. We will talk about how to be safe, and make sure that what we watch is age-appropriate. We will discuss what to do if someone asks for personal details online and how to behave online.



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



This half term in Religious Education, Year 1 and Year 2 children will continue to learn about festival and celebrations from different religions and cultures.

Next half term in Religious Education, children will be learning about beliefs and teachings. They will look at stories about Jesus and how they matter to Christians

## DIVERSITY CALENDAR

This term as part of our whole school diversity calendar, we will be learning about:

- World Braille Day
- Martin Luther King Jr Day
- Children's Mental Health Week
- Lunar New Year
- Start of Ramadan (Islam)
- Start of Lent (Christianity)
- St David's Day (Wales)
- Holi (Hindu and Sikh)
- International Women's Day
- St Patrick's Day (Ireland)
- Eid-al-Fitr (Islam)
- World Autism Day
- Easter Sunday (Christianity)



## PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Did you know....a good night's sleep helps children's mental, physical, social and emotional development?



- Wollaton Deer have PE on Tuesday & Thursday.
- Clough have PE on Monday & Tuesday.
- Magpies have PE on Tuesday & Friday.

On PE days, please ensure your child wears the PE kit uniform of black shorts/joggers/leggings, a school polo shirt and trainers (preferably black). Please remove any earrings.

## QUESTIONS AND ISSUES

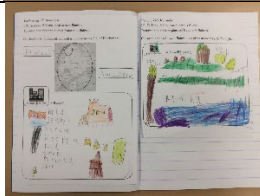
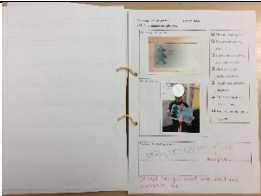
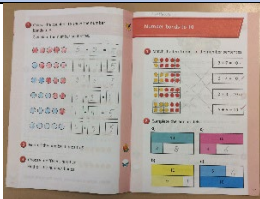
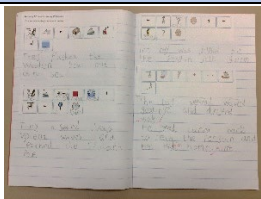


If you have any questions with any aspect of your child's school life, please let us know.

The best time to speak to Mrs Scott, Miss Coulling or Mrs Hall is at the end of the school day when you can make an appointment to speak to them.

If you wish to pass on a message in the morning, please speak to the member of staff at the door who will pass on the information to the relevant person

## A CELEBRATION OF OUR LEARNING LAST TERM



Here are some wonderful examples of learning last half term. Lots of our time was taken up with our Nativity show, but we also produced some super learning in our normal lessons. We wrote our own version of Lost and Found in English. We have been working on addition and subtraction in maths, and recording in our White Rose work books. We designed, made and evaluated a moving picture with a slider or lever mechanism – these made lovely Christmas gifts! And we explored our local environment, producing maps and pictures of the human and physical features around Bulwell.

## HOMWORK



Reading is essential to your child's learning journey and we urge you to read at least five times a week with your child and write in their reading diaries. It is important that your child brings their reading book every day as they will be reading on a daily basis.

Recently, we have been sending homework every Friday linked to what they have been learning in class. So far, Year 1 & 2 have been amazing at returning their homework on time! This is fantastic and will help support your child's learning. If you have any questions about the homework, please do not hesitate to ask us and we will be more than happy to help.

Your child's login for NumBots can be found in the back of their reading diaries.

## TRIPS AND EXPERIENCES

### Spring 1:

Explorer themed day – details to follow.

Stay and Maths as part of NSPCC Number day – more information to follow.

### Spring 2:

Parents and carers invited to help to make and taste fruit salads.



## DIARY DATES

### HALF TERM ONE

05/01/2026 – Start of spring 1  
02-06/02/2026 – Wellbeing Week  
06/02/2026 – NSPCC Number Day  
10/02/2026 – Safer Internet Day  
13/02/2026 – Last day of spring 1

### HALF TERM TWO

23/02/2026 – Start of spring 2  
05/03/2026 – World Book Day  
09-13/03/2026 – British Science Week  
18/03/2026 – Parents/Carers Evening  
23/03/2026 – Spring Disco (F1-Y2 4-5pm)  
27/03/2026 – Last day of spring 2  
13/04/2026 – First day of summer term

