



Year 1

Spring Newsletter

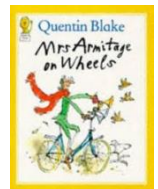


Our topics for the Spring Term are 'Taking Flight' and then after half term 'All Aboard!' We begin the term by taking to the skies in our own flight 'experience' to North America and then back in the classroom our journey continues by learning about the famous inventors and aviators The Wright Brothers and Amelia Earhart. In Geography we will be learning how to use world maps, atlases and globes to identify the UK and its countries, as well as the countries, continents and oceans of the world. In Art, we will be creating landscape art work inspired by Von Gogh, Monet and Metzinger. After the half term break we focus on other modes of transport such as trains and bikes. In History we will be learning about George Stephenson and will also be experiencing a class train ride and visit to **Amberley Museum on Wednesday 25th March**. We are learning to play the recorder in Music lessons with Mr Mott and will be working on ball skills with Mrs Barlow in PE. For more information you can find our learning journey on the class page on the school website.



English

Our English work this term is focused on poetry and recount (non-fiction) writing. We start by reading, writing and reciting poetry and invite parents and carers to our recital on Thursday 23rd January. After half term we will be reading 'Mrs Armitage on Wheels' where we will be learning how to write a recount. Alongside our writing we will be continuing to work on our phonics in order to prepare for the Year 1 phonic test in the Summer Term.



Maths

Our focus this term is to really know our number pairs to 10 and 20 and to group objects in 2's, 5's and 10's to count quickly. We will be looking closely at 2D and 3D shape properties while also developing and deepening our knowledge of addition and subtraction.

PE

Our days are now Mondays and Thursdays. Please ensure PE kit is in school and remember to remove jewellery on these days.

Show and Tell

Continues to be on the first Friday of every month, where the children will be able to bring in one item to show to the class. They could bring in a toy, certificate, photograph, anything they would like to share with us (nothing too precious or very large).

How can you help?

- Regular reading at home (not just their school book) sharing stories and poems, asking and answering questions about what you have read.
- Supporting homework tasks while letting them develop their independence. We have been so impressed with the effort the children have put into their homework through the Autumn term so please keep it going! The more they do at home, the more confident they can be with their work at school. The homework tasks are also great way of letting you know what we've been learning at school.
- Encourage the children to use their neat joined handwriting when they are writing, especially with their homework.

Important dates:

Book Week: Book character dress up day is **Thursday 5th March**.

Beech class will be dressing up as Julia Donaldson book characters.

Amberley Museum visit:

For our transport topic we are planning to visit the museum on **Wednesday 25th March** and we are planning to travel by train. More information will follow in a separate letter.

Music Showcase Years 1, 2, 3:

Thursday 26th March 9:15 Hall

Come and hear what we have been learning with Mr Mott in our Music lessons

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check information session:

Monday 16th March 2.45 – 3.15 in the school hall (Followed by work sharing in the classroom)

I will be holding a brief session about the phonics screening check that all the children will be taking in the Summer Term. There will be some past papers for you to look at and a chance for you to ask any questions you may have. Further information and example video can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/phonics-screening-check-sample-materials-and-training-video>

Beech Class assembly:

Thursday 2nd April 9:15-9:30

Any problems or questions please do not hesitate to come and see us.

Mrs Morris and Mrs Pett.