



# Year 1

## Spring Newsletter



### Topic

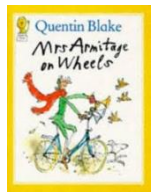
Our Spring Term topic is 'On the Move'. This half term we are looking at 'Around the World'. We will be creating art work inspired by looking at work by the artists Von Gogh and Metzinger. We will also be looking at maps and globes while talking about different countries, with a particular focus on India. After the half term break we will look at 'Transport' with a focus on the artist Frank Stella and create our own 3D artwork. In History we will be learning about George Stephenson and other famous people from the past. We will also be creating time-lines of vehicles, supported by a visit to Amberley Museum. We will continue our 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 half term is focused on story writing, starting by reading The Story Tree which has stories from around the world. The children will be looking at the structure of a story and how to write their own structured story. After half term our book will be '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



We are continuing to follow the Numicon approach which the children have loved exploring. We will be looking closely at shape properties while also developing and deepening our knowledge of both addition and subtraction.

### Homework

Take Away Tasks will continue to be set every Friday and will be due in the following Thursday. The children can earn house points for completing the activities set which may include Maths, English or topic work linked to our learning. We will also start sending home individual 'Spell-its' which are spellings of the common exception words (red words) that the children will be tested on weekly. The children will need to practise reading and writing their words.

### PE

Thursdays and Fridays. Please ensure **warm joggers** are also provided as we may go outside for ball games later in the term.

### 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 the children. 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.
- Help your children become fluent in reading and writing their spell-its (spellings)
- Encourage the children to use their neat joined handwriting when they are writing, especially with their homework.

### Important dates:

Book Week: 11<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> March, Book character dress up day is 13<sup>th</sup> March. Beech class will be dressing up as Julia Donaldson characters.

### Amberley Museum visit:

For our topic of transport next half term, we are planning to visit the museum on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March** and we are planning to travel by train. More information will follow in a separate letter.

### Phonics assessment information session: Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2.45 - 3.10 in school hall

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 test 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>

Bike Day 26<sup>th</sup> March: Bring your bike (and helmet) to school if you have one. Please don't panic if you don't have a bike; legs or scooters are fine!

Beech Class assembly: Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April 9:15-9:30

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

*Mrs Morris, Mrs Shaw and Mrs Pett.*