

# YEAR ONE



CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2024

1B

Mr Bailey, Mrs Bruce (PPA every other Wednesday)  
Mrs Matthews (TA)

1R

Miss Rees, Mrs Fletcher (PPA every other Wednesday)  
Mrs Compton (TA)

## SCHOOL ROUTINES AND EQUIPMENT

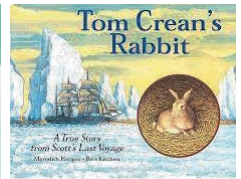
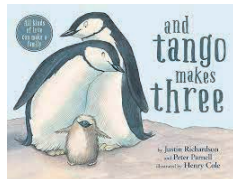
Please ensure your child brings their book bag, a jumper, a coat and a water bottle to school each day.

Both classes will have Yoga on Thursday and PE on Friday.

Trainers/wellies needed for active lunch (1B Friday, 1R Thursday).

## ENGLISH

- Senses poetry
- Fiction writing based on “Julian is a Mermaid”
- Retell – And Tango Makes Three, Lost and Found, Tom Crean’s Rabbit
- Diary – The Penguin Who Wanted to Find out
- Retell- Jack and the Beanstalk, Three little pigs
- Instructions – How to catch a Wolf
- Recount – trip to the Wilson Museum
- 3rd person recount of Scott’s trip to the South Pole
- Diary entry – Scott



## MATHS

- Addition and subtraction: Facts of 7-11
- Geometry: Properties of Shapes
- Addition and Subtraction: Facts of 11 - 16
- Measurement: Length
- Addition and subtraction: Facts of 17-20
- Fractions

## SCIENCE

Everyday Materials: Can I identify, group and sort materials based on their properties? Can I suggest and test the best material for a purpose?



## GEOGRAPHY

Antarctica

## HISTORY

Scott's Expedition to the South Pole

## PE

Yoga, Target Games



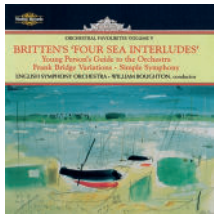
## RE

Jesus as a friend;  
The Easter Story

## ART



- Jack and the Beanstalk
- 3D, Sketching and printing
- 3D shapes Forest School clay animals
- Sketching plants
- William Morris - wallpaper
- Printing flowers raised cardboard to create repeated pattern
- Charlie and the Chocolate Factory Weaving
- Textiles
- Paper weaving for mat
- Textiles ribbon weaving for coasters



## MUSIC

- 'Dawn' from Britten's Sea Interludes;
- Musical conversations;
- Sing Up - 'Football'

## PSHE

Drug Education - understanding safe use of medicines; Diversity and Communities

## **COMPUTING**

We are Rhythmic; We are Detectives - finding images using the web

## **FOREST SCHOOL - MONDAYS**

1R: 15 January, 22 January, 29 January, 5 February, 19 February

1B: 26 February, 4 March, 11 March, 18 March, 15 April

## **HOME LEARNING**

### **READING**

Reading is so essential for all aspects of school life and is the main focus this year. We want to foster a love of reading and an enjoyment of books.

- Please read to your child as well as listening to them.
- Please ask your child comprehension questions based on the questions linked to the reading VIPERS in their reading journal. Developing their understanding is vital to continuing your child's progress.
- Reading books are changed once a week as long as the book has been read 3 times at home and it has been recorded in the pink reading journal.
- You may want to supplement this with home reading for enjoyment, which we would love to see recorded as well.

### **PHONICS**

The Phonicsplay website has 3 free games and more that you can subscribe to. We play these a lot in school as they provide an opportunity for your child to practice reading real and nonsense words which they will meet in the phonics screening check in the summer.

### **TEACH YOUR MONSTER TO READ**

Teach Your Monster to Read is a free game, which helps children to master the key early stages of reading. It has been created by the Usborne Foundation. The children used it last year in Reception (level 1 - "First Steps", with some children moving on to level 2 - "Fun with Words"). This year the children can use it again at level 3 "Champion Reader" to help them learn and practise the phase 5 sounds.

The Teach Your Monster to Read app can also be downloaded on ios or android devices. At the time of writing it is priced £4.99, but it is occasionally available as a free download for a few days.

The children really enjoy the game at school and this will help give them further reading practice at home.

## READING CHALLENGE

- Here are the top 25 books to read by the age of 6.
- How many can you read by the end of the year?
- Which was your favourite?
- If you could add to this list, what book would you include?

