



# Year 1 Newsletter

*We discover and realise the genius in everyone!*

## Dear Parents...

Welcome back after the break! We hope that you have had a lovely holiday and are ready to begin the next half term. Keep reading to find out what exciting things are in store...

*Miss Huntley-Young, Miss Ates, Mrs Amara and Miss Adams.*

## Reminders

Make sure that children bring their PE kits on **Monday** and take them home on **Friday**. For P.E children need white top, black/navy blue bottoms, black trainers or plimsols. Please name all items of clothing and the bag.

Children must not wear jewellery as it could cause injury during PE and play. Earrings must only be studs, not hooped or 'dangly' earrings.

Note that school **starts at 8:50am** and **finishes at 3:30pm**.

School uniform is compulsory: white Heronsgate t-shirt; navy blue sweater or cardigan; black, grey or navy trousers; sensible, flat black shoes or black trainers, not brightly coloured trainers. High heels, flip-flops or boots are **not** allowed.

Please make sure that the medical and dietary information we have about your child is up to date. Any asthma pumps must be signed in at the school office.

## IMPORTANT DATES

**School Trip to Creekside, Deptford 1AA** - Wednesday, 1st February

**1TA** - Friday 3rd February

**1MH** - Monday 6th February

**1CA** - Tuesday 7th February

### Half term

Monday 13th February to Friday 17th February

### Easter Holidays

Monday 3rd April to Friday 14th April

### Inset Day

Monday 17th April

## TOPIC FOCUS: "THE GREAT FIRE OF LONDON"

Our Creative topic this half term is 'London's Burning'. We will be learning all about The Great Fire of London. We will be learning about who Samuel Pepys was and how important his diary was. Then we will learn about the order of events that occurred during the fire and think about the factors which made the fire continue for so many days. Finally we will learn about the impact that the fire had on the redevelopment of the city of London. In Computing, we will be learning about using webpages safely and successfully. In Art, we will be exploring pieces of art created around the theme of fire. We will then be creating our own pieces of art using oil pastels and collage techniques. In Science, we will be carrying out materials investigations focusing on fair testing.

## English

In English we will be learning about the stories 'The Lonely Beast' and 'Lila and the Secret of the Rain'. We will be exploring the setting, plot and characters in the story through drama and retelling activities. This will lead into us planning and writing information pages.

## Maths

In Maths this half term, we will be learning about numbers to 20. We will explore the structure of numbers as well as comparing them. Then, we will move onto exploring the same concept within 50. Children will familiarise with 'tens' and 'ones' and will have the opportunity to engage with many practical activities to embed learning.

### ONLINE SAFETY

Talk to your child about how the Internet can be used to find information- you can use it to find out about pretty much anything! Explain to your child that it can sometimes be dangerous and we need to make sure we know how to stay safe on the Internet.



## HOME LEARNING

We encourage you to read with your child **every day** for 10 - 15 minutes and make comments in their blue Reading Champions books. Books will be changed weekly.

There are lots of rewards for reading books at home so please do encourage your child to read as much as possible!

15 books	Bronze certificate in class
30 books	Silver certificate in class
60 books	Gold certificate in assembly

Please ensure your children practise their number facts daily using Numbots! They will get certificates in school for the levels they achieve on the app.

Please keep using **Mathletics** as often as possible as it makes a huge difference to your child's maths learning! See your child's class teacher if you need login details.

- Weekly spelling practice will be given out on **Friday**
- Talk to your child about...
  - How the Great Fire of London started and what caused it to go on for so long.
  - Why particular materials are used for certain things and why others are not.
  - Places to visit: Museum of London, the Monument and Pudding Lane.