



Year 1 Newsletter

We discover and realise the genius in everyone!

Dear Parents...

Welcome back after the half term 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 Bakali, Mrs Amara and Mrs Chase.

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 plimsoles. **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

Book Week

Monday 4th March -
Friday 8th March

World Book Day- Fancy Dress Day

Thursday 7th March

Book Fair

Friday 1st March-
Wednesday 6th March

Parents evening

Wednesday 20th
March-Thursday 21st
March

Easter Holidays

Friday 29th March to
Friday 12th April

First Day of Summer term

Monday 15th April

TOPIC FOCUS: 'A TOY STORY'

Our topic this half term is 'A Toy Story'. We will be learning all about toys from the past to the present day. In Computing, we will be learning about code and how we can use it to perform actions using a Beebot and on an app called Beebots. In Design and Technology we will be using levers and sliders to make moving toys. In Science, we will be learning about common plants and how plants grow from seeds. We will also be looking at different types of trees.

English

In English we will be learning about the traditional tale 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff'. 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 our own story based on The Three Billy Goats Gruff that is based in the city. We also be reading a modern version of Goldilocks called 'Ghanaian Goldilocks'. We learn

all about Ghanaian culture, write information pages and write our very own Goldilocks story.

Maths

In Maths this half term, we will be exploring number place value within 50. Then, we will move onto exploring length and height followed by weight and mass. As part of our learning, we will explore these concepts and learn to make comparisons.

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.

- Weekly spelling practice will be given out on **Friday**
- Talk to your child about...
 - Toys that you used to play with when you were a child.
 - Similarities and differences between toys in the past to toys in the present.
 - Discuss different types of plants. How do they look? What are they called? How do they smell?
 - Other places to visit: Young VA - Bethnal Green, Pollock's Toy Museum - Central London