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# Year 1

Newsletter

## What we have been up to:

### In Year 1 we have been...

very busy this term. The children enjoyed their carnival of colours Wow day where they made carnival masks and designed and made their own shakers and drums.

The children also enjoyed Arts week learning about Peter Paul Ruben's, 'A Roman Triumph' picture. They made torches and each class created art work linked to the painting.

We then had a joint assembly with Reception to Year 3 so we could all share what we did.



## Core Curriculum:

### English

We will be learning about non-fiction texts. The children will be writing labels, captions and sentences about plants. They will also be reading, following and writing instructions for making Easter treats.

For fiction we will be focusing on the books 'The Tin Forest' and 'Where the wild things are.'

We will continue to work on our phonics and handwriting. We will also be having weekly spelling tests.

### Maths

This term the children will look at place value within 50 and learning the multiples of 2s, 5s and 10s.

We will then learn about measurement finding out about length, height, weight and volume.

### Science

In science we will be learning about plants. The children will be labeling parts of a plant and learning about the lifecycle of a plant and how they grow. We will also be growing some plants in the classroom.

## Other areas of the Curriculum:

### Art and Design

In art we will be using a range of media to create artwork inspired by nature.

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### Geography

In geography we will be using world maps to identify UK counties. We will be learning about compass points and directions and using directional language.

We will also be using our imagination to design our own maps.

### Computing

The children will be making Thaumatrope spinning disc animations. This is an optical illusion with 2 images that fool the eye. They will also be using a simple 'stickman animation' programme on the computers.

### Music

We will be exploring the story of 'Jack and the Beanstalk,' using a range of musical instruments. The children will also be using their own shakers and drums to perform a Samba in our assembly.

### PE

The children will be developing their gymnastics skills. They will learn how to handle the apparatus safely and to explore travelling over, under and around it in different ways.

The children will also learn simple invasion games.

### PSHCE

We will be using the Caterpillar Club mind map ideas and Casey Caterpillar to help us explore our feelings and those of others.

## Reminders/Key dates:

**Last day of term**  
5 April

**Easter holiday**  
8 April - 22 April

**Summer term**  
23 April - 19 July

**Half term**  
27 May - 31 May

**Year 1 assembly for parents**  
22 February

**World Book Day**  
7 March

**STEM week**  
11 - 15 March

**Parents' Evening**  
12 March - 5:00pm - 7:30pm

**Parents' Evening**  
14 March - 4:00pm - 6:30pm

**Red Nose Day**  
15 March

**Owls multi sports competition at Biddenham** - (Details to follow)  
4 April

## Other areas of the Curriculum:

### RE

We are thinking about how we should care for each other and why it matters.

We are also finding out why Easter is important to Christians.