# YEAR 1 NEWS

# Happy New Year!

## **Dear Parents and Carers,**

Welcome back! I hope you all had a great Christmas.

We are looking forward to lots of great learning opportunities this half term as we look at Animals and Humans in science and Oceans in Geography.

# **English**

This term we will be reading 'The Lion inside'. We will be learning to predict what will happen in the stories, look at the meaning of words used and begin to use conjunctions 'and' and 'because' to extend our sentences. In this term, we will be writing a journey story based on the Lion.

We will also be reading 'Splash Day' by Nick Sharatt as a class novel.

### Maths

Within maths, we will be continuing to use the White Rose Maths scheme. The children are really enjoying learning with this scheme. We will be exploring place value to 20 and then to 50, addition and subtraction as well and length, height, mass and volume. We will also be continuing to use Numbots to practice quick fluency skills.



### Science

This term we will be looking at Animals and Humans. We will be finding out about the animal groups, what they eat, their teeth as well as finding out more about our species. This will be supported with a trip to Knowsley Safari park with Year 2.

# Geography Oceans

This term we will be learning about oceans, we will be labelling them and finding out facts about them such as which is the biggest, which is the deepest and which is the coldest.

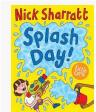


# **Design and Technology**

This term in D&T we will be looking at the mechanics behind pop up books, we will then use this knowledge to make our own pop-up book.

# Computing

In computing we will continue to use Purple Mash, we will be looking at mazes and how to program a character to move around in the maze.



Our class read will be: 'Splash Day!'.

### PE – team building and fitness

PE is a very important part of the curriculum. Not only do children become healthier, but it also allows them to develop their teamwork skills. PE lessons will take place on Mondays and Fridays. Please ensure your child wears their PE kit for school on their PE days.

#### PE kit:

- Plain white t-shirt
- Black/navy/grey shorts, jogging bottoms or leggings
- Trainers

### Reading

We aim to hear your child read regulary dury the week in school. Reading is extremely important for expanding your child's vocabulary. Please make the time to read 20 minutes each night with your child. There are lots of books on Oxford Owl or Get Epic!

#### **Phonics**

This term the children will be continuing to learn the Phase 3 Phonics graphemes and practising identifying them within words by blending the sounds together.

Thank you for all of your support and if you have any questions please contact me on Class Dojo.

Mr Battersby. Mrs Potter and Miss Thomas