

## Year 1 Term 4 Curriculum Newsletter

Dear Year 1 parents,

We hope you had a lovely half term break and are ready for the second half of your child's year in the Year 1!

Beginning this term, we will be sending you these newsletters at the start of the term to keep you updated about our planning and any key dates for your diary.

However, we are always happy to answer any questions! Catch Miss Wilding and Mr Murphy at the start or end of the day, or send us a message via Class Dojo if you have anything you would like to ask.

**History:** Carrying on from our work with Partake Theatre Company the children will be learning about the Great Fire of London.

**RE:** The children will learn about the concept of belonging. They will think about what it means to belong to a community and the feelings associated with this. They will learn about the Christian community and develop an understanding that the church is the heart of the community. They will work on a project aimed to develop our community relationships with Newton House Care Home, and take part in Easter Celebrations with the residents.

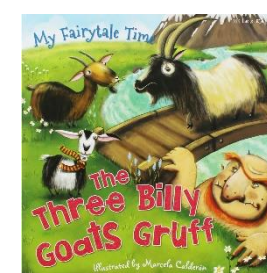
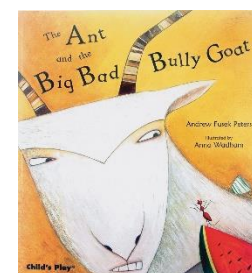
**Art/Design:** We will be learning about the Famous Artist Claude Monet. We will find out about his life, discuss his art and create work inspired by the techniques that he used.

**Computing:** This term in computing, we will be using stop motion techniques to create our own superhero animations.

### Literacy

To build on our superhero work from last term, we are focusing on the goodies and baddies within Traditional Tales, including the big bad wolf, and the troll from the 3 little pigs. This will build on our work from our superhero texts last term. The children will get involved with secret superhero missions in the school to find out who the villain was that has been in our classrooms causing mayhem! They will be writing lists, detective questions, and character descriptions and re-telling the familiar text with their own story twists.

Key skills will focus on the use of capital letters, full stops, exclamation marks and question marks. Children will also be using 'and' to extend sentences.



As Poplar mathematicians, we will be exploring addition and subtraction for numbers up to 50. We will be learning how we can use our number facts to solve problems more efficiently. We will also be introducing children to measuring height, length volume and weight. We will be doing this through a range of practical investigations and measuring using non-standard units of measure. We will also learn how to measure using a ruler.

We will be practising counting in 2s, 5s and 10s using a range of games to prepare children for learning their times tables.

### Key diary dates

- 25<sup>th</sup> February – Newton house visit for Wildcats class am
- 5<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day
- 10<sup>th</sup> March – Newton house visit for Hawks class am
- 19<sup>th</sup> March – Newton House visit for Hawks class pm
- 20<sup>th</sup> March – non-uniform day – donations for the FOP chocolate bingo will be gratefully received!
- 27<sup>th</sup> March – FOP chocolate bingo
- 30<sup>th</sup> March – Easter tree dressing day
- 31<sup>st</sup> March & 2<sup>nd</sup> April – parent's evenings

### Home learning

Read, read, read!! If you have read one of your child's reading books or they've read a bed time story, please fill in the reading records, we love to read your comments. We will continue to send home 'red words' on Friday's for you to practice reading and spelling with your children.

Any home learning can be shared with us using Dojo – we really do love to see what you have been up to at home!

