

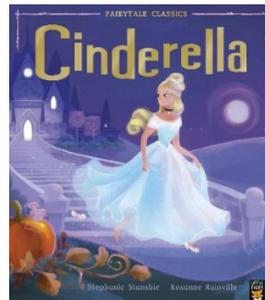
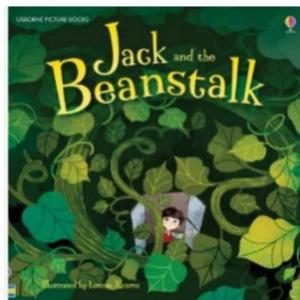
# YEAR 1 NEWSLETTER

Wow what a busy half term it has been – the children have been working hard both in their learning and in preparing for the school nativity – we hope that you enjoyed seeing your children at the church last week.

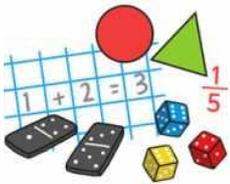
Thank you for all of your support and we wish you a fantastic Christmas break with your families.

Next half term our 'Talk Through Stories' texts are **Jack and the Beanstalk** and **Cinderella**. These sessions help us to explore characters, settings and story structure as well as develop comprehension skills.

We will theme our book  
tales – what is your favourite  
happens in it?



corners with familiar Fairy  
fairy tale and what magic



In **Mathematics** we will be applying our learning to larger numbers and finding out about new strategies for addition and subtraction. We will also be working on the place value of numbers within 50 so any practice at home linked to one more and one less than a number up to 50 would be great!

In **English** we will be linking our writing to the texts that we read in Phonics. We will be applying all of the skills we have already learnt including perfect sentences as well as applying our handwriting skills in our work.



Thank you for continuing to practice reading at home, just a reminder that your child will be bringing home two books – one coloured home reader linked to their phonics learning to practise fluency and a library book of their choice to share with an adult. Stickers will be given for 4 reads per week with certificates awarded at the end of the half term. **Phonics books are changed on a Thursday and Library books on a Tuesday for Green**

**We are also continuing to use Oxford Owl to supporting reading – if you need help logging in please see you class teacher.**

## Curriculum

Year one will be covering the following subjects this half term.

DT	In DT we will be learning about pulleys and sliders and using these skills to make a moving fairy tale picture.
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Geography	We will recap the 4 countries and capital cities of the UK, locating these on a map of the UK and exploring the landmarks.
Music	Our focus instrument is the recorder and we will be learning basic notes to create a tune.
PE	Team Green will have PE on a Wednesday so kits should be worn to school.  Additional PE activities will take place during the week but PE kit is not required.
Science	Materials  We will learn to name different materials and describe them based on their properties. We will then use our learning to plan and carry out an experiment linked to materials.
RE	Our RE work will be linked to the theme belonging within the Christian religion.

### Dates for your diary

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January - INSET day

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January - Phonics workshop @ 2.30pm (invites will be sent)

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January - OpenBox Theatre Fairytale workshop - please see Year 1 trips letter/Parent Pay

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February - Last day of term

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February - Back to school

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March - Team Green @ Fort Nelson - Florence Nightingale workshop

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March - World Book day

**\*\*Thank you for your ongoing support \*\***