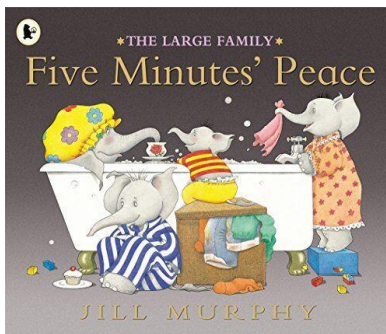
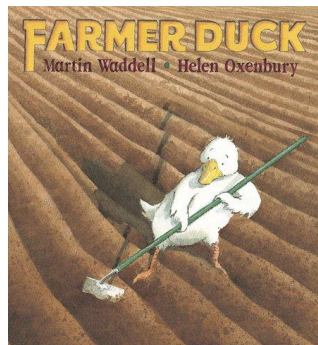


# YEAR 1 NEWSLETTER

Welcome back, we have spent this week settling back into the new school timetable and routines and the children have worked extremely hard. We have loved getting to know everyone and finding out all of the amazing things that the children can do.

As part of our Phonics programme we teach a 'Talk Through Stories' session each day. These sessions help us to explore the text in detail and develop comprehension skills. Our focus texts this half term will be **Farmer Duck** and **Five Minutes' Peace**.



In **Mathematics**, we will be focusing on number, representing the tens and ones in different ways. We will also start learning our number bonds (pairs of numbers that make 10) and exploring strategies for addition and subtraction.

In **English**, we will be taking part in drawing club, immersing the children in stories and drawing on their imagination to build a love of reading. Our sentence writing skills are developed in our phonics lessons and are linked to our Read Write Inc books. Each group has a different focus but all will reinforce three main elements – Capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.



Your child should now have been given a home reading book and library book along with a letter sharing ideas for reading at home.

Each class will visit the library weekly and children returning their book can choose a new one.

Year 1 – Friday (pm)

## Foundation Subjects

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

Science	My body <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Labelling the body</li><li>• The 5 senses</li></ul>
Art	Our focus artist is Pablo Picasso and we will be creating our own self portraits.
Geography	In Geography we will be learning more about local areas and identifying the physical and humans features within Portsmouth.
Music	Our Music unit is called Hey You! We will be learning the difference between pulse, rhythm and pitch through different songs.
RE	It will soon be Harvest time and as part of this celebration we learn about the signs of harvest and why we are thankful at harvest time. We hope to visit St James Church to support our learning.
PE	We will have PE with a specialist sports coach on a Wednesday afternoon - children will need to come into school in their PE kit on this day please.

## Dates for your diary

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October - INSET day

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October- Individual photos

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October - Brent Lodge Animal Hospital visit

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October - Last day of the half term

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October - Half term

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November - Year 1 Firework safety - children to bring gloves to school please.

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November - Flu immunisations



**\*Thank you for your continued support\***