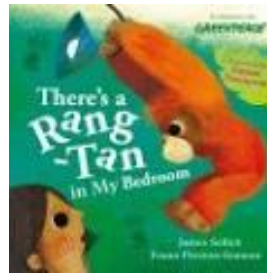


# YEAR 1 NEWSLETTER

There is just one-half term left before the end of Year 1, the year has just sped by! As we continue the school year, the children have been brilliant and continued to show resilience to their learning. They have worked very hard and now deserve a little break.

This half term our 'Talk Through Stories' texts will be '**Somebody Swallowed Stanley**' by Sarah Roberts and then we will be reading '**Rang-tan**' by James Sellick linked to our learning about our planet.

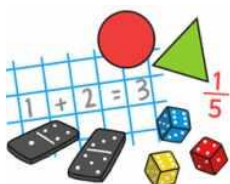


In English we will link our writing to the texts that we read in Talk Through Stories. We will be drawing together all the skills learnt this year and work on applying these independently. We will also continue to practice consistent letter sizes and the correct use of capital letters. Please can the children bring in a plastic bag on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June ready to make their own version of Stanley.



Thank you for all of your support with spellings, these will continue fortnightly, with the spelling homework due in on a Friday – we are seeing many children using these in their writing which is fantastic! There will be an optional additional challenge task for children starting next half too, this is in preparation for the transition into Year 2.

Don't forget to make the most of our Oxford Owl e-library – it's a great resource to support home reading with books and quizzes added weekly.



In **Mathematics** we will revisit our work on place value to 100, identifying tens and one and using this to compare numbers. We will also be learning about time, times of day and the position of the hands on the clock.

## Curriculum

Year 1 will be covering the following subjects this half term.

Science	To conclude the year we will be focusing on 'working scientifically' and conduct experiments linked to our previous learning in Science including materials and ourselves.
History	In History we will be learning about castles, what a castle has and why they are important. We will visit Southsea Castle on Wednesday 17th June and find out why it is an important landmark in our city. Any parent helpers who can drive to Southsea Castle with their child and help on the day will be appreciated.
RE	Our focus in RE this half term is on the creation story and how different religions retell the story.
Art/DT	We will be looking at printing and textiles, designing and making our own t-shirt for our end of year fashion show.  <b>Please provide your child with a slightly oversized t-shirt that can be cut/printed on ready for our eco-fashion show on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2026. We need these in a named bag as soon as possible and any spares if you have some please!</b>  Arts Week takes places w/c 8 <sup>th</sup> June – we will be taking part in lots of art activities including drama, music and digital art.
PE	Year 1 will have PE on a Wednesday. Please ensure children have outdoor clothing and wear their PE kit to school.

## Dates for your diary

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Dance for Diabetes – please bring in your sponsor money

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May – Half term break

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June - Class Photos (please ensure children are wearing school uniform)

W/c 8<sup>th</sup> June – Phonics Screening Checks – you will be advised of your child's results with their report.

W/c Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June – Arts Week

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June – Southsea castle trip Year 1

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June – Father's Day event in 2.30-3.00pm

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July – Federation Fayre at Moorings Way 3.30-5pm

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June - Transition Day

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> July - Trip to Hill Head Beach with Final Straw Plastic Foundation (more details to follow).

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July - Moorings Way KS1 Sports Day - 1.30pm

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July - Moorings Way Year 1 Eco-fashion show @ 2.30pm - parents are welcome to attend.

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July - Last day of term

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September - Autumn term 2026 begins



Thank you for all of your support this year, you should be very proud of how much your child had achieved in Year 1