



# Year 1 Newsletter

## Spotlight on Stamshaw!



Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We hope you all enjoyed the holiday!

To start this half term we will be learning about Guy Fawkes and the history behind why we have fireworks night. We will then develop our geography skills learning about Portsmouth and the surrounding area. We will explore Portsmouth's famous landmarks, famous people, scenery, architecture and any other attractions. We will also find out about the traditional food, dances, music and local customs of the other countries within the United Kingdom!

The children will receive a letter from Barnaby Bear and we will look forward to seeing their replies with any information they have found out about our city. Their homework will be added to our display of Portsmouth.

To celebrate the end of our topic we will go on an exciting trip to the Spinnaker Tower!



Please continue to support your child with their morning activities in their classrooms, as they are usually linked to work they are doing in class.  
Thank you.

**Homework** This week we will be launching Guided Reading homework. We would love you to support your child at home with their reading and their comprehension homework. Don't forget, they are working towards a special reading medal!



We will also be starting spelling practice homework with a spelling test happening on a Friday! The spellings are words related to recently taught phonics, spelling patterns, topic words or tricky words.

### Year One Library Dates

We visit the library on a Friday morning from 9:20-10:30.

- 3/11/17 – Toucan
- 10/11/17 – Hummingbird
- 17/11/17 – Flamingo
- 24/11/17- Toucan
- 1/12/17 – Hummingbird
- 8/12/17- Flamingo



### PE Days

Please ensure that your child has a named PE kit in school, including tracksuit bottoms/leggings and trainers/plimsolls as one of our PE sessions will be outside.

- Flamingo** – Monday and Tuesday
- Toucan** – Wednesday and Thursday
- Hummingbirds** – Tuesday and Thursday



### Can you help??

We are always looking for parent helpers to help on our trips to North End library. Sadly we are unable to go without your support.

We are always looking for helpers to hear readers in class. If you are free and would like to help out please let your child's class teacher know.

If you have any queries or questions then please do not hesitate to come and speak to us!

Thank you for your continued support  
The Year One Team



### Dates for your diary!

- 6/11/17- School photographer in school.
- 7/11/17- Flu Vaccine for EY/Yr1/Yr2 (Letter to follow)
- 14/11/17- Parent's Evening 4-7.30pm
- 15/11/17- Parent's Evening 4-7.30pm
- Trip to Spinnaker tower** (TBC- letter to follow)
- 11/12/17- Christmas Around the World Week
- 15/12/17- Christmas Jumper Day Charity Event
- 18/12/17- Open Box Christmas show
- 19/12/17- Years 1/2 Nativity at St. Saviours Church 10am
- 20/12/17- Years 1/2 Nativity at St. Saviours Church 10am
- 21/12/17- Christmas dinner and party.
- 22/12/17- Break up for Christmas holiday.
- 8/1/18- INSET DAY
- 9/1/17- Return to school

# Our Topic is: Barnaby Bear's UK Travels

## Mathematics:



In Maths we will be aiming to make clear the link between 'one more' and 'add', and 'one less' and 'take away'. We will play games where children jump forwards and backwards on large number tracks, using the words more and less, addition and subtraction. We will be exploring number sentences that make a given number and learning to solve number stories.

English: We will be researching into Portsmouth and writing to Barnaby Bear in reply to his letter. We will create posters and fact files about Portsmouth, with cross curricular links to Geography. After researching the wonders of Portsmouth, we will invite Barnaby to come and meet us at the Spinnaker Tower. Punctuation will be a focus, capital letters for people, places, days of the week and 'I', full stops, question marks and exclamation marks. We will be using story maps again to help us to write longer pieces of writing.

## Religious Education:

We will be exploring the Christmas story and the journeys the characters had to make.



## Geography:



We will use world maps, globes, atlases and other information books to name, locate and identify characteristics of the countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom and its surrounding seas.

Computing: 'We are celebrating'  
This half term we will be making celebration cards using various computer programs to help us. We will be logging onto the computer all by ourselves and learning to save our works of art into our very own class file.

## Art & Design:

In art we will be exploring the work of Jackson Pollock and recreating his technique when creating our own Firework pictures.



## History



We will be learning all about Firework night and why we celebrate Firework night on the 5<sup>th</sup> November. We will be writing about Guy Fawkes and his friends.

## Music:

We will be listening to a range of traditional music from around the UK and learning the traditional songs including the 'National Anthem' Mrs Uden will continue to teach us Music! We will be learning to sing our Nativity songs!



## Physical Education

In Games we will be developing our throwing and catching skills.  
In PE we will be learning about dance. We will be learning some traditional dances from the UK such as Irish Dancing and Morris Dancing.

