



# Year 1 Newsletter- Autumn Term 2.



## Paddington's Travels!

Dear Parents, Welcome back! We hope you all enjoyed the half term break!

There are so many exciting things to celebrate and this topic is going to be jam packed with all different types of exciting celebrations! We will begin by stepping back in time to find out more about Guy Fawkes and the events that are commemorated on Bonfire night. We will use fireworks, colours and sounds as inspiration for our writing and within our artwork too, where we will be exploring the famous artist Alma Thomas. We will also be learning about the importance of Remembrance and other exciting celebrations before leading up to our Christmas festivities; including our Nativity performance!

Our good friend Paddington will be making an appearance too as he travels around our home city of Portsmouth before venturing onto the cities around the United Kingdom. We will be writing him postcards and sending letters back home to Aunt Lucy to tell her all about the capital cities and famous landmarks he has seen!

In Maths we will be learning about part whole models, fact families and number bonds and using our understanding of these to help us when adding and subtracting. We are looking forward to another busy and exciting half term!

### 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.



**Toucan – Tuesday (indoor) and Thursday (outdoor)**

**Hummingbird- Monday (outdoor) and Thursday (indoor)**

**Flamingo- Tuesday (indoor) and Thursday (outdoor)**

**Homework** Children have really been enjoying their Guided Reading in class and we thank you for your continued support when practising reading at home. Please don't forget to bring your child's pack back to school so we can replace their reading book with a new book. You may wish to do this daily or alternatively return your pack once your child has finished reading their book over a few days.



Don't forget that your child is working towards a special reading medal along with other incentives along the way!

### Dates for your diary!

The lead up to Christmas is a very busy time of the year so please have a look at these important diary dates...

**HALF TERM Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October**

**Mon 30/10/23** INSET DAY- school closed to pupils.

**Weds 8/11/23** Parent's Evening 4-7pm

**Thurs 9/11/22** Parent's Evening 4-7pm

**Mon 13/11/23** School photographer.

**Weds 15/11/23** Flu immunisation

**Thurs 16/11/23** Stamshaw celebrates Children in Need Day

**Fri 17/11/23** INSET DAY- school closed to pupils.

**Weds 6/12/23** Open Box Christmas show.

**Thurs 7/12/23** Christmas Jumper Day (donations from 1<sup>st</sup> Nov)

**Weds 13/12/23** Year 1 Nativity performance taking place in school hall. (9.15am or 2pm)

**Thurs 14/12/23** Christmas Dinner/ Christmas party in class.

**Fri 15/12/23** Break up for Christmas 1pm gates open.

**Tues 2/1/24** INSET DAY- school closed to pupils.



**REMINDER-** Don't forget to check **Seesaw** for further important updates and reminders. We will also continue to post weekly news blasts to share all of our wonderful learning each week. 😊



As always if you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher via Seesaw. Many thanks for your continued support. The Year 1 Team. 😊