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## Spring 1 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back and Happy New Year!

We hope you have all enjoyed your holidays and are glad to be back at school. Spring 1 is another exciting term with lots of new learning.

Here are some upcoming key dates for your diary – more information will follow about these:

- ☆ On Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January we will be having a bedtime story evening.
- ☆ We will be visiting Skipton Castle on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February.
- ☆ The next Family Assemblies are:
  - Owls: Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March
  - Finches: Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March

If you have any questions about your child's learning or wellbeing please speak to the class teachers, or for a longer appointment, please speak to the office to arrange a convenient time. We are always happy to help.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Miss Grimshaw and Miss Lennon



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# Year 1 Newsletter

## Spring 1 2017

### Topic

This term our topic is:



This is a geography and science focused topic.

In **Science** we will be learning to name different animals from the Arctic and Antarctic and to recognise their habitats. We will also be discussing different seasons and types of weather.

In **Geography** we will be learning the names of the continents, and how to find them on a map.

As part of **History** we will be looking at the explorer Robert Falcon Scott and his expedition to the South Pole.

We will also be exploring famous artists this term, looking at the work George Seurat and creating our own pieces of art using some of the techniques seen in Pointillism.

### 1 2 + Maths

In Maths we will begin by practicing our number and place value skills. We will be ordering numbers, and working towards recognising the value of each digit.

**Key Focus:** Counting forwards and backwards in 2s, 5s and 10s.

We will then move on to studying measurements of weight and mass – comparing the weight and mass of objects and talking about these using key vocabulary.

**Key Focus:** Saying which objects are heavier and lighter.

We will also continue to practise our recognition of 2D and 3D shapes.

**Key Focus:** We need to know the names of all of the common 2D and 3D shapes out there.

Finally, this term we will begin to look at multiplication and division and when they are used.

**Key Focus:** Remembering the meaning of the words multiplication and division.



### English

We will be continuing our focus on retelling stories.

Our first text will be *Bear Snores On* by Karma Wilson and we will be developing our writing skills further using common punctuation, adjectives for description, and using repeated phrases from the story.

We will also be looking at non-fiction texts. We will be learning all about Polar Animals and using this information to write reports about different animals using the new features we are learning.

We will also be continuing to develop our Phonics skills. We are continuing to learn our Phase 5 sounds and we are doing lots of practice now that we have learned different ways to spell some of the sounds we knew already.

### Reminders:

- ☆ Please ensure that **all** of your child's belongings are labelled. This includes coats, pumps, and lunch bags. If your child has lost something, please come and check the lost property box.
- ☆ Children need their P.E. kits in school at all times please.
- ☆ Please bring planners and reading books in every day. Books will be changed once a week, provided that they have read at home and it has been recorded in their planner. We ask that you read with your child at least 3 times a week.
- ☆ Homework will be given out on a Friday and should be completed and returned the following week.
- ☆ All KS1 children are entitled to a universal free lunch, however milk should be paid for on a **termly** basis.  
**Please ask for a form if you wish for your child to have milk next term.**

