



# Year 1 NEWSLETTER

## Spring 2 Term 2021

**Our Theme is 'Off with their head!'**



### *What is Authority?*

Throughout the remainder of this half-term, we will be continuing to compare Queen Elizabeth and Queen Victoria. We will be spending more time in the Victorian era which we will re-enact with a dress-up day and Victorian classroom experience! This time the Queen has lost her hat. We shall be looking at the landmarks the hat travels around in London and create our own stories about something the Queen has lost.

### **These are key learning objectives we will be covering in English and Mathematics**

#### **In reading** we will be learning to:

- predict what might happen in a story on the basis of what has been read so far
- read aloud accurately books that contain the phonics we have learnt so far

#### **In writing** we will be learning to:

- write simple sentences starting with a noun/proper noun (e.g. The dog... Peter ... I )
- punctuate some of our sentences accurately using a capital letter and an end stop ( . ? or !)
- use 'and' in a sentence to join words and phrases (e.g. The dog is eating fish **and** chips!)

#### **In mathematics** we will be learning to:

- find half of a shape or group of objects
- complete repeated addition calculations using arrays
- share groups of objects equally
- use a number line to complete addition and subtraction calculations

### **Back Together Again**

Now that all children are back in school again, to support them with their mental health and wellbeing we will be focussing on the following areas: Safety, Friendships and Caring, Achievement and Resilience.

There will be an increased focus on our CARE code and behaviour expectations – reminding the children of how they can CARE for themselves and others and keep everyone safe. It is really important that they reconnect as a group, so there will be a focus upon friendship and relationships which will also include an introduction of some new 'Magic Minutes' from Trick Box to support with mindfulness. We will continue to develop the children's achievement and resilience through promoting positive learning attitudes and effort.

To support this learning, we will be using resources from SCARF education, Place2Be and Trick Box as well as our Personal Development Learning (PDL) curriculum as usual.

### **Year 1 Message Board**

Our **outdoor PE day is Tuesday** and our **indoor PE day is now Thursday**. Please wear suitable PE kit into school on both of these days.

Please make sure your child has a named water bottle in school that will be sent home daily to be thoroughly washed.

Reading books will be sent home on a Wednesday to be returned the following Wednesday.

The Year 1 National Phonics Screening check has been cancelled this year, but we will still be assessing the children in a similar way to support their progress within this area.

### **Dates of Special Events in Year 1**

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April – Victorian School day. Please send your child into school dressed as a Victorian school child.

Thank you for your continued support,  
Year 1 Team