



# Year 1 Autumn 2 Newsletter



## Coming up in Autumn 2

### I need a hero!



Can anyone be a hero?

*A tin of baked beans? A baby in a box? I'll 'ave that!*

Burglar Bill is on the loose! We will be helping the police to catch him and welcoming them to our school to help with our investigation. Perhaps Traction Man and Scrubbing Brush will help us to save the noble spoons from Burglar Bill's clasp.....We will be finding out more about their adventures.



Who is your hero? We will be learning about everyday heroes and meeting some of our own. Visits from the police and the fire brigade will help inspire us and we will be finding out about other real life heroes that help us every day.

We will finish the half term with our Christmas celebrations. We will be writing to the Grinch to ask him to return Christmas and writing Christmas acrostic poems. As we put on our own nativity performance, we will be learning about the journeys that took place at this special time and reading the story of Babushka.



**Thank you for your continued support  
Year 1 Team**

**Our English learning** will include Writing to the police to help them catch Burglar Bill – remembering to use 'and' to join two words together when we are describing him. Reading the story of Traction Man and writing our own version of his next adventure with Scrubbing Brush – his noble steed.

**Our Mathematics learning** will include Subtracting 1 digit numbers from another within 10 using practical resources. Helping to calculate how many items Burglar Bill has stolen to help the police with their evidence logs. Using 2D and 3D shapes to help create pictures and models for our heroes.

**Our Personal and Development Learning (SCARF)** unit is:



*Keeping Myself Safe*

The key learning points are:

- The NSPCC Pants rule
- The importance of sleep
- People who help us
- Loss – losing belongings
- Internet Safety
- and
- Anti-Bullying Week learning

How you can **support your child's learning at home**



Please share your child's library book with them at home. This book is a 'sharing' book meaning that it is for you to read to them. Please encourage your child to practise their phonic sounds at home and ask them to use these sounds to build simple words.

Please encourage your child to practise their number bonds to 10. This can be done using practical resources for support, bar models, 'part whole' models and the 'Hit the Button' App which can be found on [www.topmarks.co.uk](http://www.topmarks.co.uk).

### Year 1 Messages

Please return Library books on Mondays. Please return Reading books/Phonics on Wednesdays. Just a reminder that our Indoor PE is still yoga on Fridays this half term.

### Dates for your Year 1 diary

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November** - I need a Hero dress up day  
**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December** – KS1 Christmas Performances

*Find out about the wonderful learning we did in Autumn 1 on the next page...*

## Our Learning in Autumn 1



**Should animals be kept as pets?**

We have learnt about animals that are often kept as pets and how to care for them. We know that you have to be responsible when you have a pet and take care of it every day.



Ask us about herbivores, carnivores and omnivores! We know what they all eat!

We had some furry visitors to help introduce the category of mammals. We learned that rabbits are mammals because ... (you'll have to ask us 😊)

The QI Zoo arrived and we helped the keepers to sort the animals into the correct cages. We weren't too keen on the mammals cage when we saw the lions and tigers! We know that reptiles and amphibians are both cold blooded and lay eggs but which one lays their eggs on land? Ask us and see if we can remember!

We had a real life artist visit us and teach us how to create different lines with our pencils. We then used these skills to draw a piece of fruit or vegetable for our harvest display.



**Should you always say thank you?**

Who celebrates Harvest? We have learnt about different Harvest celebrations and what these entail.



Have you ever heard of a Sukkah hut? We have been busy building these out of Lego and designing our very own interiors. Ask us what they are used for.

Bread is an important part of Harvest for some people. We used bread dough to see if we could impress Paul Hollywood with our plaiting skills! It was quite tricky!

