

# Year One Newsletter

## Spring 2 2023



Welcome back! We hope you have had a lovely half-term holiday, having had some time to spend with your families. It has been lovely hearing about all the children's adventures and stories about their half term. We have another amazing half term ahead of us full of learning opportunities where your children will continue to thrive.

### Kings and Queens Day

We will hold our royal Kings' and Queens' day on:  
**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2023.**

We would love to invite your children to dress up in their best dress or as royalty. Please don't feel you have to buy anything as their smartest clothes will be perfect!

During our day, the children will do some royal writing, enjoy an afternoon tea style lunch, which our wonderful catering team will provide us with, and in the afternoon the children will take part in a fantastic history lesson before decorating their own royal cake!



### Phonics Screening Check

In June, Year 1 children will take part in the Phonics Screening Check which is required by the government. The phonics screening check will be completed over a week and your child's results will be sent home with them. For more information please click [here](#).

To support your child with the phonics screening check, we encourage you to read with them once a day to embed their knowledge of their taught sounds. If you would like support on how to support you child with phonics you can visit the Little Wandle page for resources click [here](#) or ask your child's class teacher.

### Whipsnade Zoo

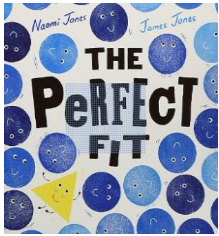


On the 16<sup>th</sup> of April, Year 1 has the fantastic opportunity to visit Whipsnade Zoo. It is a great wow start to our topic all about Africa! A letter has been sent outlining the details. The payment deadline for your child to attend the zoo is Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March. If you would like to volunteer to come with us, please email the Year 1 email address, we would be grateful for your support.

### Dates for the Diary

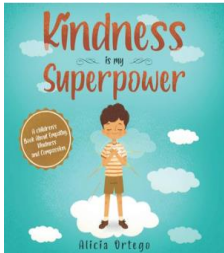
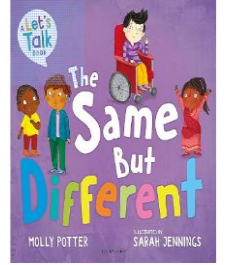
- ♥ 7<sup>th</sup> March - World Book Day
- ♥ 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> of March – Mothers' Day Breakfast
- ♥ 15<sup>th</sup> March – Red Nose Day – Come dressed in pyjamas with a £1 donation
- ♥ 19<sup>th</sup> March – Kings and Queens Day
- ♥ 26<sup>th</sup> March – Deadline for Whipsnade Zoo payments
- ♥ 28<sup>th</sup> March – Sing Off and Last day of term

## Our Priority Value of the Month for February and March



# Loyalty

During the month of February, we are focusing on the value of 'loyalty'. We will be discussing what this means and how we can show the people that we are loyal to them.



In March our Value of the Month will be:

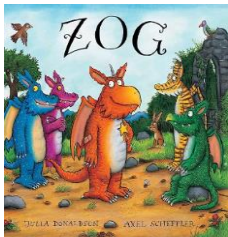
# Tolerance

Tolerance means respecting and learning from others, valuing differences, bridging cultural gaps, rejecting unfair stereotypes, discovering common ground and creating new bonds. Tolerance, in many ways, is the opposite of prejudice.



## Year 1 Curriculum

### Marvellous Monarchs



- ♥ In English this half term, we are looking at a range of royal stories and writing for a variety of purposes. Our stories include: Zog, The Queen's Hat, The Queen's Knickers and The King's Pants. The children will be writing instructions on how to train a dragon, retelling familiar stories and adapting ones too! They will continue to develop their understanding of nouns, verbs, adjectives, expanded noun phrases and similes.

- ♥ During History, the children will learn all about famous monarchs; Queen Elizabeth I, Victoria and Queen Elizabeth II and our new king Charles III, developing their understanding of timelines and how sources of evidence inform what we know about the past. Year 1 will celebrate our learning with an exciting Kings' and Queens' Day.



- ♥ In Maths, the children will continue to consolidate their understanding of numbers to 50. They will learn how to count in 2s, 5s and 10s and will start to develop an understanding of multiplication.
- ♥ This half term in Science, we are consolidating our understanding of materials and their properties and developing our understanding of scientific enquiry.



- ♥ We are focusing on Jackson Pollock during Art. The children will be exploring how we can be creative using our feelings as inspiration, using colour and experimenting with different painting techniques.

- ♥ In RE we are learning all about Easter and why it is important to Christians.
- ♥ We are learning all about how to keep ourselves healthy and safe in PSHE. We will be identifying ways to keep healthy, how to make ourselves feel better when we are ill and developing our understanding of road safety.

♥ In Music the children will be practicing their sing off song ready for our school competition on the last day of term! Watch this space!

### Murphy Class Recommended Reads

#### **Me and My Feelings books because:**

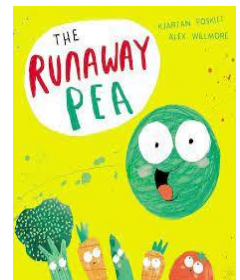
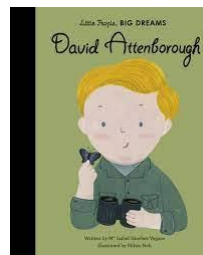
They enjoy learning about their feelings and being able to relate it to their own personal experiences.

#### **'Little People Big Dreams, David Attenborough' because:**

Murphy children loved learning all about David Attenborough and were amazed by his work with all of the animals and for our wonderful planet.

#### **The Runaway Pea because:**

This book makes Murphy laugh because it is really funny. Miss Holman says it is very highly requested during story times!



### Contact Us

If you have a message for your child's class teacher, please record this in your child's Home/School link book. Alternatively, you can email the Year 1 teaching team on the following email address:

[year1@priorityrise.milton-keynes.sch.uk](mailto:year1@priorityrise.milton-keynes.sch.uk)

All teachers can access this email address and will respond outside of teaching hours, but before 6pm each day.

Thank you!

#### Finally...

It was wonderful to have the opportunity to see you face to face at parents' evening. It is a great pleasure to be able to celebrate the fantastic achievements your child is making. Thank you for all your continued support. We look forward to another half term of working together to support your wonderful children.

