

# Year 1 Newsletter

## Autumn Term, 2<sup>nd</sup> half

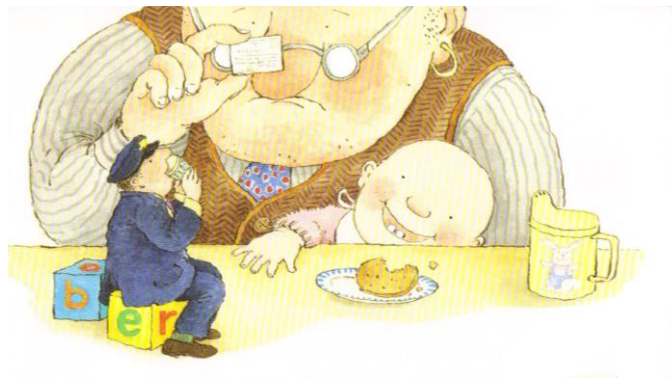


This half term our topic is  
'The Jolly Postman'.



### English

In Year 1 we will be listening to and creating firework poems. We will be reading the story of the Jolly Postman, exploring the text through drama and using it as a basis for looking at and writing traditional tales and instructions with particular focus on the story of Goldilocks. We continue to focus on daily phonics teaching and the acquisition of skills to read with fluency and to write and spell grammatically correct and effective sentences.



### Maths

We will continue to consolidate and extend learning of addition, subtraction and place value with a focus on extending language. We will also learn about 2D and 3D shape, both naming and describing their properties. Cross-curricular links will be made with our Jolly Postman topic and the children will learn to recognise and use money to pay for items in the Post Office role play area.

## Science

In Science we will be investigating seasonal changes within the concept of light and dark. We will be finding out about sources of light and thinking about how to stay safe in the dark.



## History

In history we will be discovering the story behind Bonfire Night and looking into the life and character of Guy Fawkes as a significant historical figure in our British culture.



## Art

We will be experimenting with printing and will make positive and negative stencils linked to our work on the seasons and to Christmas patterns.

## Computing

We will continue to use our online learning platform Purple Mash to learn about representing data as pictograms. We will also practice inputting instructions into computers and learn about how algorithms work.

## Music

This half term we are learning a variety of songs including Christmas music. Children will sing and perform songs and use instruments within the classroom.

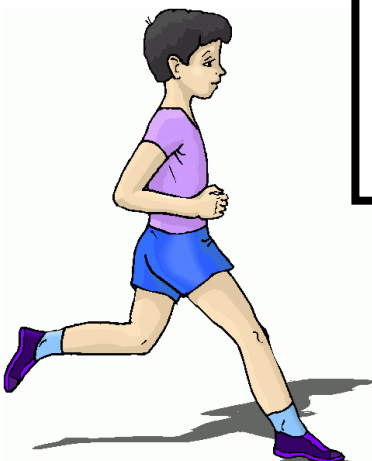


## RE

We are looking at the concept of 'Belonging' within Judaism; children will look at how a Jewish family celebrates Shabbat (Sabbath) and the importance of the synagogue.

## PE

This half term the children will be developing their gymnastic skills and taking part in games based activities. Children may wear a plain sweatshirt and tracksuit bottoms for outdoor lessons. If your child has pierced ears, please remove their earrings on PE days and also ensure that long hair is tied back. Thank you.



## Design Technology

We will look at books and greetings cards that have moving parts. We will investigate how to make parts of a picture move and make some of our own moving Christmas pictures.



## Diary dates

- Fresh Air Fridays (1030 – 1145am): 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 16<sup>th</sup> November, Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December
- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November 'Type Onesie day'
- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November – Jolly Postman Day
- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December- Pantomime in school
- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December – KS1 Christmas party
- For other events and dates please see the school website: <http://www.guildhallfeoffment.org/home>

