



The Year 1 team consists of Miss Newman, Mr Caldwell, Miss Aurela and Miss Rana. This half term we have enjoyed learning about lots of new topics!

## HOME LEARNING

Home Learning is given to children **every Friday**. It is based around what we have been learning all week in the classroom. Can you please make sure this is returned to school by the **following**

## Reading Books

Please make sure you read with your child **every night!** The more you comment in your child's home diary, the more we can all support them in making progress. If you need any help or support filling in the home reading diaries, please see a member of staff who will be happy to help you!

## What have we been learning?

Wow what a busy half term we have had in Year 1!

In February we all came to school dressed as superheroes for our topic '**Traction Man**'. The day was really exciting and we thoroughly enjoyed wearing our costumes. Then in March, we all went on our first every school trip to **Coombe Abbey**! We had a amazing day, filled with fantastic activities including making a house for Shrek! To end the term, we had an Easter Bonnet parade to celebrate our hard work. We loved every minute of it, especially performing our songs!



### English and Maths

In English, we have been focussing on the book 'Traction Man'. First, we looked at different ways to describe Traction Man and wrote a character description for him. We then produced our own version of the story and made up actions to help us remember it! We have been very busy learning about how to include adjectives, conjunctions, fronted adverbials and expanded noun phrases. In Maths we have been learning about positional language. We have used the BeeBots to help us understand the language used, including 'forwards, backwards, left and right'. Once we knew this we then started to give each other instructions, such as 'take 3 steps backwards, turn left and walk forwards 2 steps'.



### Science

In Science we have been observing the change in the seasons. We thought about what the weather was like before Christmas and how it is now starting to change. We observed the changes in the trees over the weeks and learnt that in Spring, the weather begins to get a little bit warmer and the plants and trees start to grow again. In Spring, lots of baby animals are born including lambs and chicks. Excitingly, Mr Caldwell brought tadpoles in for us to observe how they grow as these animals are also born in Spring! It was really exciting to watch them grow.



### Geography and Art

In Geography we have been learning about directions and maps, which prepared us for our trip to Coombe Abbey. We started off by looking at how to get to Coombe Abbey on a map and thinking about how we might get there. We learnt that we would have to travel South and then East. We then looked closely at the maps and what all the symbols mean, including the toilets, car park, information and cafe. This helped us know our way around Coombe Abbey when we were there as we knew which symbols to look for! In Art we have been learning about the artist David Hockney, who enjoyed drawing nature. We looked at the different types of trees there were at Coombe Abbey and considered the texture, shape and shade. This helped us to then make a collage of a tree using only natural materials. We really enjoyed making our collages and they looked great!

