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# Year 1 Newsletter



The Year 1 team consists of Miss Newman, Miss Aurela, Miss Rana and Mr Caldwell. 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 Wednesday.



Next half term the school will be holding their **Spelling Bee**. Please practise the spellings with your child as often as you can. If you need a new list of spellings, please ask their teachers.

## 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?

### English and Maths

In English, we have been focussing on the book 'Shrek'. The children have produced amazing pieces of writing, including their own versions of the story and letters to Donkey asking for his help saving Princess Fiona! We have been very busy learning about how to include adjectives, conjunctions and fronted adverbials. In Maths the children have been learning how to find one half and one quarter of amounts and shapes. They have also been multiplying and dividing by finding groups of amounts with cubes and counters.



### Science

In Science the children have been investigating what plants need to help them grow. They started the topic off by planting their own beans in soil and have enjoyed watering them and watching them grow over the weeks. After observing the growth of their beans, they then learnt about the different parts of a plant and the role they have. For example, we now know that the leaves provide oxygen and food for us.



### History and Design and Technology

In History the children have been learning about Neil Armstrong, who was the first man on the moon and Tim Peake, who was the first British astronaut in space. They thoroughly enjoyed learning about each astronaut and their different journeys into space. In Design and Technology, they have been looking at the different features of Shrek's swamp and designing one of their own. Following their plan, they then used clay tools to mould the clay into the shape of trees, logs and huts. They finished the topic off by painting their swamps which now look fantastic!



### Important Dates to Remember!

Our new English topic next half term will be 'Traction Man Is Here!'. To immerse the children in this new topic, the children are to come to school dressed up as their favourite superhero on **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019**.

Next half term the children will be going on a trip to Coombe Abbey on **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2019**. Whilst there the children will enjoy a range of activities, including map reading and identifying the features of the woods. If you have not done so yet, please pay for the trip by no later than **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019**.