



# KEY STAGE 1 NEWSLETTER



## SPRING TERM 2



We hope you all a great half term and didn't let the wet weather dampen your spirits. This newsletter provides you with information on what the children will be learning about and some pieces of information you need to know for this term.

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### Dates

#### Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March

World Book Day. Information has been sent and individual classes may send further information.

#### Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March:

Community Dental Service for Year One children.

#### Week Commencing Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March:

Parents Evening.

#### Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March:

Easter Bonnet Parade

#### Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March:

Opal parents stay and play afternoon- 1:30  
School closes at 3:15pm

#### Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April:

School reopens

### P.E. Days

This half term our P.E. days are on a **Monday** and **Thursday**. This will commence on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February. Mr Halfpenny is our external P.E. provider who will take the children with their class teacher this half term.

### Flat Stanley

If your child was here the last week of term they would have come home with a brown envelope which had a covering letter on it. It asked if it could be addressed and posted to someone who would write or email back showing Flat Stanley around where they live so the children in KS1 could compare it to Kirkby in Ashfield. Ideally the recipient will live outside of Kirkby and if you wish to send it further afield, i.e. abroad we would welcome this also. We look forward to receiving all the responses and thank you for your support.

### ICT - Maths

The children have been playing on *Hit the Button*, year 1 to learn about doubles and year 2 to help with their multiplication facts. They are getting good at recalling the facts, if you wanted to have a go at home, it is a free game on [topmarks.co.uk](http://topmarks.co.uk) This half term, the Year 1 children will be introduced to *Numbots* which they will have a login to access at home. The Year 2 children already have access to this, and their logins are stuck in their red diaries.








### Easter Bonnets

On Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March the infant classes will take part in the annual Easter Bonnet Parade. This is an ideal opportunity for parents/carers and children to work together to make an Easter bonnet to wear and there are plenty of arts and craft resources available in stores now.

Please note that Easter bonnets are not made in school and please do not send these into school until the day of the parade - happy crafting!

## Topic for this half term.

Our topic for this half term is called 'Brilliant Britain.' The information below shows what we will be covering in each subject.

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|    | <p><b>Year 1</b><br/>The Naughty Bus<br/>The Way Back Home</p>  | <p><b>Year 2</b><br/>Grandads Island<br/>Instruction texts</p>                    |
|    | <p><b>Year 1</b><br/>Place value (50)<br/>Length and height<br/>Mass and Volume</p>   | <p><b>Year 2</b><br/>Length and height<br/>Mass, capacity and<br/>Temperature</p> |
|    | <p>UK<br/>Name, locate and identify characteristics of the four countries and capital cities of the UK and its surrounding seas.<br/>Under key physical features, including beach, cliff, coast, forest, hill, mountain, sea, ocean, river, soil, valley, vegetation, season and weather<br/>Use simple fieldwork and observational skills to study the key human and physical features of the surrounding environment.</p> |   |
|   | <p><b>Year 1</b><br/>Introducing and using Numbots.<br/><b>Year 2</b><br/>Robot algorithms</p>  |   |
|  | <p>Composer - Elgar.<br/>-Say whether they like or dislike a piece of music and give reasons.<br/>-Know the names of some instruments used in his music.<br/>-Know that instruments can be played together to create more than one sound at a time.</p>   |   |
|  | <p>PE Specialist: Hockey</p>  |   |
|  | <p><b>Seasonal Change - Spring</b><br/>Observe changes across the four seasons.<br/>Observe and describe weather associated with the seasons and how day length varies.<br/>Keep a weather chart.</p>   |   |
|  | <p><b>Sketching and Painting - Lowry</b><br/>-Describe artwork and give an opinion about the artist's work<br/>-Ask questions and talk about pieces of art.<br/>-Begin to explore the use of sketching materials.<br/>-Observe features in artists work and replicate their own version.<br/>-Explore using yellows, blues and reds to add colour to their picture.</p>   |   |

## Raffle Tickets

Thank you for all the kind donations for the non-uniform day. There are lots of hampers being made and information on tickets will be coming home soon.