

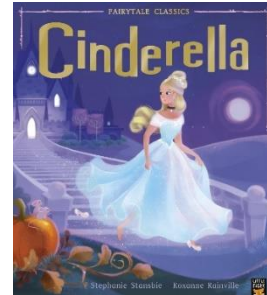
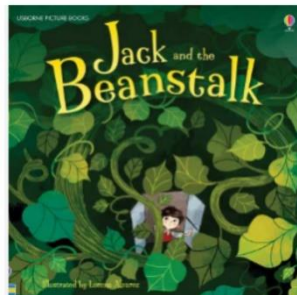
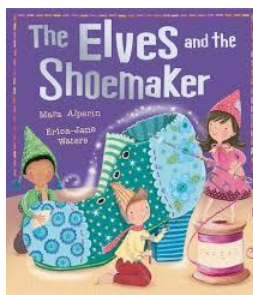
YEAR 1 NEWSLETTER

Wow what a busy half term it has been – the children have been working hard both in their learning and in preparing for the school nativity – we hope that you enjoyed seeing your children at the church this week.

Thank you for all of your support and we wish you a fantastic Christmas break with your families.

We welcome Mrs. Robinson to Team Yellow.

Next half term our 'Talk Through Stories' texts are **Jack and the Beanstalk** and **Cinderella**. These sessions help us to explore characters, settings and story structure as well as develop comprehension skills.



We will also share other Fairy tales including **The Elves and the Shoemaker**. We will theme our book corners with familiar **Fairy tales** – what is your favourite fairy tale and what magic happens in it?



In **Mathematics** we will be applying our learning to larger numbers and finding out about new strategies for addition and subtraction. We will also be working on the place value of numbers within 50 so any practice at home linked to one more and one less than a number up to 50 would be great!

In **English** we will be linking our writing to the texts that we read in Phonics. We will be applying all of the skills we have already learnt including perfect sentences as well as beginning to join our handwriting in our work.



Spellings will begin in Week 2 of this term – look out for a letter and spell binder on Monday 13th January.



Thank you for continuing to practice reading at home, just a reminder that your child will be bringing home two books – one coloured home reader linked to their phonics learning to practise fluency and a library book of their choice to share with an adult. Stickers will be given for 5 reads per week with certificates awarded at the end of the half term.

Phonics books are changed on a Thursday and Library books on a Tuesday for Green and Wednesday for Yellow.

Curriculum

Year one will be covering the following subjects this half term.

DT	In DT we will be learning about pulleys and sliders and using these skills to make a moving fairy tale picture.
Geography	We will recap the 4 countries and capital cities of the UK, locating these on a map of the UK and exploring the landmarks.
Music	Our focus instrument is the recorder and we will be learning basic notes to create a tune.
PE	Both Team Yellow and Team Green will have PE on a Tuesday so kits should be worn to school. Additional PE activities will take place during the week but PE kit is not required.
Science	Materials We will learn to name different materials and describe them based on their properties. We will then use our learning to plan and carry out an experiment linked to materials.
RE	Our RE work will be linked to the theme belonging within the Christian religion.

Dates for your diary

Monday 6th January - INSET day

Team Green Welcome student teacher Mr Arnell who will work with us for 4 weeks

Thursday 16th January - KS1 Maths Strategies workshop @ 2.30pm - Meon Infant Hall

Tuesday 21st January - Phonics workshop @ 2.30pm (invites will be sent)

Thursday 30th January - Open Box Theatre Fairytale workshop - please see Year 1 trips letter/Parent Pay

Thursday 6th February and Thursday 13th February - Team Yellow Readers at Admiral Jellicoe House

Thursday 13th February - Year 1 Valentines Disco - 3.45-4.45pm - Early 3pm optional pick up

Thursday 14th February - Last day of term

Monday 24th February - Back to school

Tuesday 25th February and Tuesday 4th March - Team Green Readers at Admiral Jellicoe House

Thursday 27th February - Year 1 celebration of learning @ 2.30pm

Thursday 6th March - World Book Day

Tuesday 11th March - Team Green @ Fort Nelson - Florence Nightingale workshop

Wednesday 12th March - Team Yellow @ Fort Nelson - Florence Nightingale workshop

Thursday 27th March - Year 1 Mother's Day Afternoon Tea @ 2.30pm - 3.15pm

Thursday 3rd April - 3.00 p.m. Easter Bonnet Making - more details to follow later.

Friday 4th April - 2.15 p.m. Easter Bonnet Parade

****Thank you for your ongoing support ****