

Year 1 Newsletter



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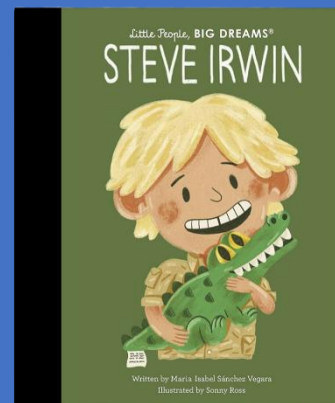
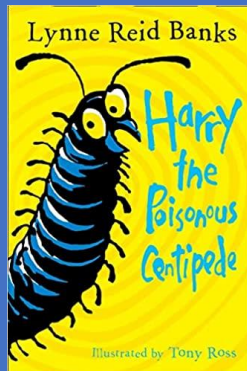
Spring Term 2

Monday 24th February 2025
to
Friday 4th April 2025

Theme – Perfect Pets

Welcome back! We hope that you had a relaxing half term break and feel refreshed and ready for this new half term! Our topic theme for this half term is called Perfect Pets. Our topic changes each half term in Year 1. We will start the term by sharing the story Wanted The Perfect Pet by Fiona Robertson. Our class novel at storytime is Harry the Poisonous Centipede by Lynne Reid Banks.

What will we read this half term?



Our School Values

Achieve Care Value Listen Help

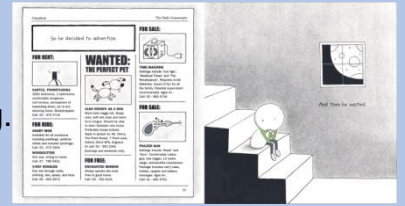
This term, we will be looking at our “Care” school value. We will be reading the “Little People, Big Dreams” books about Steve Irwin. We will learn about all of his great achievements. This will reinforce the understanding of our school value and caring for each other.

What will we learn this half term?

Please note that all of the Curriculum Overviews for each subject can be found on the school website. These contain detailed outlines of the coverage and rationales for teaching. Please take time to read them.

English

In English, we will be reading *Wanted The Perfect Pet* by Fiona Robertson. We will be using the text to write different types of writing. We will be writing our own reports about Pets. We will use our Read, Write Inc phonics to help us read and spell words using Fred Talk. We will also be getting ready for the Year One Phonic Check which will be the first week back after the Whit Holidays (more information to follow about this)

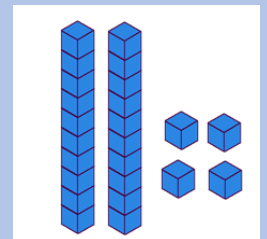


Maths

This term in maths the children will be learning about Place Value and understanding the numbers from twenty to fifty. During this half term we will learn about:

- tens and ones
- partitioning numbers
- comparing numbers
- using the mathematical language greater than, less than and equal to
- ordering numbers.

There will be daily opportunities to solve problems in maths lessons and most importantly through play. Our maths area will support problem solving and give the children a chance to practice their new learning independently using familiar resources.



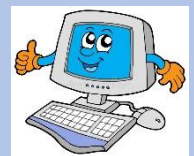
Science

Our Science topic is Animals Including Humans. The children will be learning about the different types of animal groups: Reptiles, Mammals, Fish, Birds and Amphibians. The children will learn about different pets and which animal group they belong to.



Computing

In Computing we will be learning about Computer Safety with Mr Goodier, our Computing teacher. We will be learning about Technology Around Us. The children will develop their understanding of technology and how it can help them in their everyday lives.



Research Topic

This half term we will be studying History and learn how to be historians. We will learn about Toys from the Past. We will learn about the toys that our parents and grandparents played with when they were small and compare them to the toys that children play with in 2025.



Design and Technology

In Design and Technology, we will be exploring Moving Pictures. The children will learn about moving parts in a book and we design and make their own moving books. We will link this to our work in English text *Wanted: The Perfect Pet*.



SEAL, PSHE, SRE

In PSHE our topic is called Healthy Me! We will learn about how to be healthy using our Jigsaw PHSE Curriculum. Mr Loy, our PSHE Jigsaw teacher, will be taking the class on Friday afternoons for their Jigsaw lessons.



Music

Our Music Topic is called Round and Round! The children will learn about pulse and rhythm. We will be listening to a range of music including Latin, Big Band and Jazz. We will then perform a song to the rest of KS1 for them to hear what we have been working on.



PE

The sports coach will be taking us this half term to participate in Ball Skills and Health and Wellbeing. Please ensure all your child's PE kit is back in school and has their name in every item. Please check that their names have not washed out. All children need black pumps.

RE

This half term and we will be exploring Christianity and Islam. The big question we will explore is 'What makes some places sacred?' We will look at special places and the meaning of the words 'holy' and 'sacred'. We will also look at the Christian story of Easter as we approach the Easter holidays.



Homework – Home Reading Book, Home Phonic Lessons with QR Codes.

In addition, it is extremely important that the children read at home each night for five minutes in order for them to become successful at reading. Reading is a skill and children need daily practise. We would like to remind parents that your child needs to **read the whole book at least three times in a week, then discuss events and characters from the book with you.**

At this age too, the children need to read other quality picture books and that they hear their parents read to them at bedtime frequently. Reading for pleasure and finding enjoyment in books is very important. The children will visit our School Library each Thursday and will keep this book in school.

Oxford Owl is a website that has free e-reading books for the children including Read, Write Inc books. Please create a free login on the parents page on this site and help your children to read the storybooks on there. Their address is: <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page/> or Google Oxford Owl free e-books parent page.

There is a charge for our school Reading Books that are lost or are water damaged by your child's water bottle. Please can you check your child's water bottle does not leak in their bag. All books should be kept in the plastic folder that they are sent home in.

Thank you

We really look forward to our second Spring half term. We thank you to your support with your child's daily reading. The children are making lots of progress and we thank you! If you need to get in touch, please speak to us on the classroom door or telephone the school office, or alternatively email school at admin@aldwyn.tameside.sch.uk

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards, Mrs Parks and Mrs Singh.