

Year 1 Newsletter



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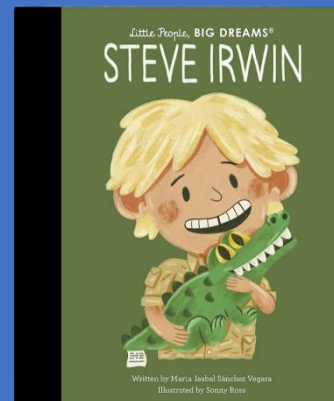
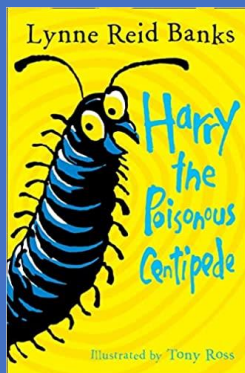
Spring Term 2

Monday 23rd February 2026
to
Friday 27th March 2026

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

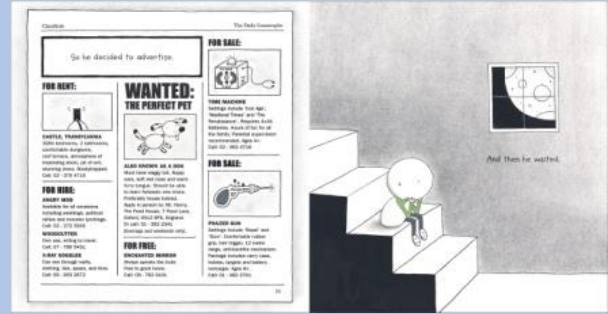
This term, we will be looking at our “Care” school value. We will be reading the “Little People, Big Dreams” books about Steve Irwin. We will learn about all of his great achievements. This will reinforce the understanding of our school value and caring for each other.

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 learning to write in sentences and 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 develop our Oracy skills by: speaking in full sentences, building vocabulary, turn taking, giving reasons and listening and responding. We will hold a debate and discuss 'Are pets good for us?'. 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). We will also be learning the poem 'The Morning Rush' by John Foster and will perform it in our Poetry assembly.



Maths

This term in maths the children will be learning about Addition and Subtraction.

During this half term we will be learning about:

Interpreting and representing addition and subtraction stories

Understand that in addition the sum increases

Understand that in subtraction the sum decreases

Find a missing part in a subtraction

Understand inverse

Addition and subtraction facts within 10

There will be daily opportunities to solve problems in maths lessons and most importantly through oracy and play. The children will use Oracy in Maths lessons and discuss their learning. 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 *Technology Around Us* and *Keyboard Skills*.

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 2026. We have arranged for the children to take part in a Toy Workshop (more information to follow on this).



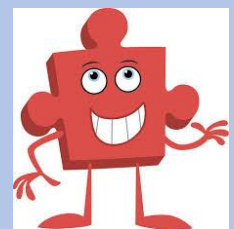
Design and Technology

In Design and Technology, we will be designing and making our own Pencil Pots. The children will investigate stable structures. It will be linked to our English Unit on Pets.



SEAL, PSHE, SRE

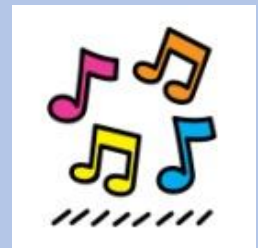
In PSHE our topic is called Healthy Me! We will learn about how to be healthy using our Jigsaw PHSE Curriculum.



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 what do Christians believe God is like. 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.victoriousmat.org

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards, Mrs Parks and Mrs Parkes.