

Year 1 Class Newsletter

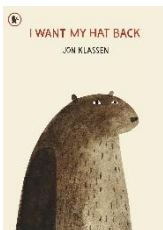


Term: Spring Term 1

Topic: Imaginary Animals

Welcome back and Happy New Year everyone. We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break. Thank you all for your wonderful well wishes, cards, and gifts. Take a look at our newsletter to see what is happening this half term!

English In English, we will have two key texts, I Want My Hat Back by Jon Klassen and The Odd Egg by Emily Gravett. We will be using these stories to inspire our own writing.



We will be learning how to use exclamation marks and question marks with accuracy to make our writing more engaging.



Phonics: In Year 1, we follow the Read, Write, Inc Phonics Scheme. We will recap split digraphs: a-e, o-e, and u-e.

We will cover the following sounds this half term:

- /ur/ nurse with a purse
- /ow/ brown cow
- /ai/ snail in the rain
- /ew/ chew the stew
- /aw/ yawn at dawn



Maths: In maths, we will be broadening our understanding of number and will cover place value within 20. Later in the half term, the children will complete addition and subtraction problems within 20. These units of learning build upon the children's understanding of the numbers 0-10. At home, please practise counting with your child and continue to recap their number bonds to 10.

Science: In Science this term, we will be learning all about the different senses!

Art: This half term, the children will be learning all about alebrijes (Mexican sculptures of imaginary animals). The children will have the opportunity to explore natural and man-made materials to create sculptures. The children will work with clay and investigate how to use the clay and different objects to achieve different textures and forms.



PE: Our PE days have changed this half term, PE now falls on **Mondays and Thursdays**. Please remove your child's earrings on P.E days. If your child's ears are recently pierced and their earrings cannot be removed, please put plasters or medical tape over their ears before the school day.

Other subjects: In Computing we will be learning about coding and algorithms and will program our own robots. In RE, we will learn about what Jesus taught us and how he lived.

How you can help at home

- **Home learning** will continue to be set on Google Classroom.
- **Reading:** Reading books will continue to be sent home, we will continue to aim to change the children's books every two weeks (or sooner!), some children may get a non-fiction book to read this half term.
 - **Phonics:** Continue to practise the phonics sounds your child has covered in class and has practised for home learning (worksheets found on Google Classroom).
- Ensure your child reads regularly to an adult, please enjoy a variety of books alongside the school reading-books. **Please write in your child's home-school book whenever you hear them read.**
- Allow your child to be independent, dressing themselves, filling up their water bottle, and reminding them to hand in any letters.



Dates for the Class Diary

- 5.1.2026 beginning of half term
- 13.2.2026 Year 1 celebration assembly 9:00am-9:30am (all welcome)

Please check the school website and Google Classroom regularly for any updates.

Mrs Hepworth and Mrs Morton work in Year 1 daily to support the children.

Visit our school website to find out more about the learning taking place this term: www.delphprimary.co.uk