

# Haytor View Community Primary School & Nursery

## Year 1/2 Key Stage 1 Newsletter – Spring 2023



*Learning together - enjoying success - aiming high - celebrating difference – enriching community*

### Introduction

Welcome to our regular termly newsletter, specifically developed for Key Stage 1, and designed to bring you up to date with all that's gone on last half term and what is coming up next. Whether it's curriculum, home learning or after school activities that you're keen to know more about, it's all found here!

If there is anything you would like to talk about that is not on here, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Iain Franklin KS1 Phase Leader

### KS 1 curriculum

Thank you for all the support you give to the children to enable them to come to school, happy, rested and ready to learn. We are so pleased to be able to be laying on bagels in the morning for any child who comes in feeling a bit peckish!

The KS 1 curriculum is designed to support children in developing an understanding of themselves and the world they live in and it is great to see the children are growing in confidence and as they see themselves being able to be better and better, and being able to do more and more. This becomes the foundation of life long learning.

If you have any questions or comments or thoughts or wonderings about what your child is doing at school, please just grab us for a chat. We love talking about your children!

During the Spring term, our learning will focus on....

	Year 1	Year 2
<b>Writing</b>	Letter and Narrative Writing	Biographies
<b>Maths</b>	Shape	Addition and subtraction with 2 digits
<b>Science</b>	Moon Science	Rocket science
<b>PE</b>	Handball and Gymnastics	Handball and Gymnastics
<b>History</b>	Famous People	Who were the Romans.
<b>Geography</b>	Coasts	Continents
<b>Music</b>	Listening and enjoying different sorts of music	Ukulele
<b>Computing</b>	Digital art	Using algorithms to tell a rover what to do
<b>Art</b>	Line drawing	Mosaics
<b>DT</b>	Creation and building moon rover models using Axles and wheels	Creation and building planetary rover models using Axles and wheels
<b>RE</b>	Christian Parables	Islamic life.
<b>PSHE</b>	Dreams and Goals and Healthy Me	Dreams and Goals and Healthy Me.

### Home learning

Thank you for all the support you are giving your children with their home learning. Reading together is the most important part of the learning you can do at home together and it is great to see the impact your involvement in your children's reading is having.

Thank you and please keep it up.



In year 1, home learning is collected in and given out every Friday.

In year 2 home learning for the week is given out on Wednesday. If you would like your child's home learning to be seen by Mr Franklin please put it in the blue tray in year 2 classroom on Monday or Tuesday and he will enjoy looking through it.



### After School Activities this term

Premier Sport Handball and Dance – Mondays 3:15pm to 4:30pm  
Stay and Play - Thursday 3:15pm to 4:15pm



Stay and Play takes place at the same time as Home Learning club in KS2, so do come along and wait in the warm and join in a game of Uno, Pass the Pigs, Downfall, Draughts, or Snakes and Ladders! If you've any suggestions or requests for games, please let me know and I will try to get them in.

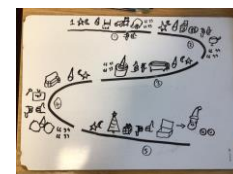


### Learning Outside the Classroom

Year 2 got out of the classroom and down to Decoy to find out which trees grow around the park. We had great fun emptying bags and bags of leaves onto the classroom floor and classifying them to work out what sort of tree they came from.

### Christmas Performances

One of the absolute best parts about being a teacher at this school is how the children in KS 1 create their own Christmas performances. They come up with the stories, decide the characters and what they will say and do and even build all of the props. It is always a proper 'lump in the throat' moment when they perform them for you and we are so glad you are able to share this important part of their learning and development.



### Fire Safety

Year 2 have had their regular visit from the fire service to give them some basic hints and tips around staying safe from the risks of fire. We hope they came home and had a chat about fire alarms at home? If you wanted a free fire alarm fitted, go to <https://www.dsfire.gov.uk/safety/home/book-home-safety-visit>



### Space Dome

Again, as part of their immersive curriculum experiences, The KS 1 children had a fully immersive 360° experience with year 1 exploring the moon and year 2 exploring other planets.

This is the 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> time Simon, 'The Space Dome Man' has visited our school and each time the experience he provides children gets better and better.



### Celebrating Christmas as a Christian Festival.

It was a shame that the weather meant we could not get to the church to celebrate the birth of Jesus but it was wonderful to see and hear the children bringing that story to life in songs, prayers and nativity scenes.



### Christmas Lunch

Teachers were being waiters, crackers were being pulled, terrible jokes were being told, songs were sung and food was enjoyed. What a great way to spend a lunchtime!



### Singing around the Tree.

Both Year 1 and Year 2 had their X-Factor moment, standing on the balcony leading a crowd in singing some favourite and classic Christmas songs. It was great to see so many of you were willing to brave the cold to lend them your voices and sing along.

### Christmas Crafts

This is one of those traditions we never want to lose. Having you come into the classroom and create something festive alongside your child is a brilliant part of our curriculum. 'The Robin' and 'The Treetop Angel' seem to have become firm favourites for Year 2. I wonder what new ideas we will have to go alongside these next year?

