



# Year 1 Rabbits



Welcome back!

We hope that you all had a relaxing yet fun half term break! This term, year 1 have a new History topic which is all about The Gunpowder Plot! Therefore, if any of you attend a bonfire night on the 5th of November, any photos would be appreciated to share and discuss!

Thank you for ensuring that your child completed their homework last term and read each day. This was great to see! The spellings which are sent home each week, depending on which group your child is in, are either a selection from the high frequency words for year one or some of the words which contain the digraph being taught in phonics that week. It was fabulous to see the scores improving last term; keep up the good work rabbits!

## Key Dates:

Drama workshop - Wednesday 15th November

Parents evening - Thursday 16th November

Children in Need - Friday 17th November

Book Fayre - Tuesday 28th - Thursday 30th November

KS1 Nativity - Wednesday 6th and Thursday 7th December

Christmas Fair - Friday 8th December at 3.15pm

Christmas jumper day - Friday 15th December

Last day at school - Tuesday 19th December



## Curriculum Overview - Term 2

English - Week 1/2: The Gunpowder Plot. During these sessions we will be working on our writing skills in a non-fiction context. We will be building up to write our own recounts of the Gunpowder Plot, ensuring we cover all of the key points whilst also using neat handwriting, full stops, capital letters, conjunctions, adjectives and when appropriate, exclamation marks. Weeks 3-7: During these weeks year 1 will be working closely with the text 'Blue Penguin' by Petr Horacek, which has a lovely Wintery theme and shall help us to practise our descriptive writing.

Maths - This term, we will be consolidating our knowledge of number, solving a variety of problems by interpreting a variety of mathematical symbols and we will also be beginning to learn simple fractions and how to tell the time.

Music - In Music we will be exploring various pieces and will be learning lots of Christmas songs for our upcoming Nativity!

Art/DT - This term we will be designing and making models and 3D pieces of art which link with our Gunpowder Plot topic and our English text.

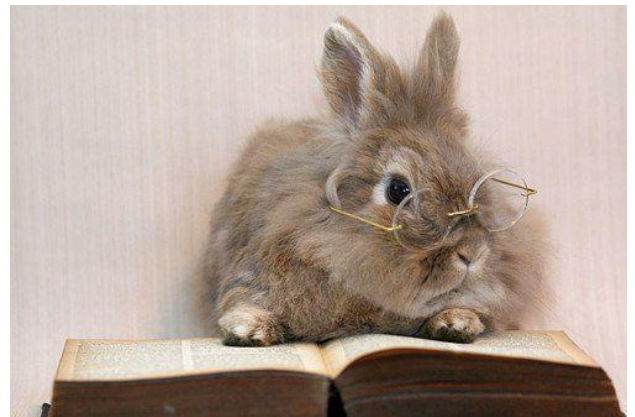
RE - In RE, we will be focussing again on Christianity and the stories of; the baptism of Jesus, the calling of the Disciples, Lost in the Temple and the Nativity. We will also be relating the key teachings from these to our own lives.

PE - This term we will be focussing on team work, football and a wake and shake routine.

Science - The topic this term will be 'materials' in which we will be investigating, sorting and describing properties and conducting our first experiments!

History - Linking with our English work and time of year, we will be studying The Gunpowder Plot in our History sessions and focussing on Guy Fawkes as a memorable person from history.

Computing - This term we will be looking at the technology around us and using the Ipad to film and use software to create our own videos.



### PE

PE will usually take place each Monday afternoon and Friday morning. Please ensure earrings are removed on these days and long hair is tied up. PE kits will need to be available and include shoes and socks for those who wear tights in the day. A jumper/hoody and long jogging bottoms may be worn as it can get chilly in the Winter months!