



# Spring Term 2017

## Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter



### Our Topic this term is: Travel and Transport!

Hop on board and prepare to blast off on an exciting adventure in our new topic 'Travel and Transport'. We will explore journeys of all kinds, including how people get around now and how they travelled in the past. From a walk around the school to the first trip to the moon, there is lots of excitement to be had.

Federation Day: We will be at Whalton on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March to join in with the BIGGEST ever celebration - World Book Day.



PE: In the first half term we will have gymnastics with Sam Dronsfield, a former GB tumbler. After half term, we will be joined by Martyn Jobling. He is going to be helping us to learn all about tri-golf including chipping and putting techniques.



Art & Design: We will be looking at some examples of boats in art before creating our own boat-inspired artwork. Then we will be using papier mâché to make hot air balloons. Also, in our classroom we still have the *Design, Make, Evaluate* area so we can work independently to explore and create our own designs.



Science: We will be taking a journey around the school to identify objects that are made from different materials. We will also be experimenting with different materials that float to help create our own floating boats!

### Weekly Events

Spelling Test: The spelling test will be every Thursday. The children's scores can be found at the back of their homework book. (See spellings on additional sheet). The children will be writing one dictated sentence within their spelling test.

Reading Challenge: We will be monitoring childrens' reading and expect the children to be reading at least 3 times a week at home. The children whom are successful with this will receive a certificate at the end of each half term. Please can reading records come in every day to help us with this, and please remember to sign and date the book each time your child reads.

Homework: The weekly homework task will be given out every Friday. It needs to be brought back to school by the following Thursday. In our classroom we have a homework tray so the children can hand in their books whenever they would like to. If there are any problems, please don't worry, just pop a note in their reading record or come in and see us.

Fred and his Special Book: Fred had a lovely time last year going to different houses at the weekend. Please carry on taking good care of him in 2017!



Geography: We will be learning how to navigate around a map using the four compass points, whilst becoming more familiar with the seven continents and five oceans of the world.

History: We will be finding out about the invention of trains and the railway system during the Industrial Revolution.



RE: We will be exploring the church looking at the objects and special places within the church. We will then be thinking about why Easter is an important festival in the Christian Calendar, and learning Easter songs for our Easter Service.

