

# CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the Spring 1 edition of the Year 1 newsletter. You will find lots of information about the curriculum, how to help your child at home and any other notes. If you have any questions, please ask the class teacher.

Our current learning journey is: **Why is Helen Sharman important?**

## Curriculum outline

**Reading:** We will be learning and consolidating sounds through RWI. We will begin to answer simple comprehension questions based on 'The day the crayons quit'.

**Writing:** We will be writing a narrative based on the story 'The way back home'. We will also write a short narrative based on the story 'How to catch a star'. We will be developing our skills of capital letters, finger spaces and full stops as well as using a range of vocabulary.

**Maths:** We will focus on place value within 20 and addition and subtraction within 20.

**Science:** We will be learning all about animals including humans. We will focus on types of animals and activities around grouping. We will also identify and name basic parts of the human body.

**History:** We will be learning all about Helen Sharman and why she is a significant person. We will research her achievements and the impact she has on national achievements through her mission. We will also compare the timeline of Helen Sharman to Tim Peake.

**Art:** We will be focusing on drawing skills based on Rembrandt. We will research the artist and his work. We will do observational drawings to begin, before learning about tone and shade to replicate his work.

## Helping your child at home

To support your child at home, you could:

- Listen to them read each night and record this in their planner.
- Support and encourage them to complete the set maths activity.
- Watch the phonic videos posted on Dojo each week for your child's colour group.



## Notes

- 8<sup>th</sup> January- Back to school
- 17<sup>th</sup> January- Dress as an astronaut
- 2<sup>nd</sup> February- NSPCC Number Day
- 6<sup>th</sup> February- Safer Internet Day
- 9<sup>th</sup> February- Inset Day

