

# Year 1 Newsletter

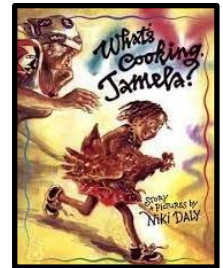
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## Welcome back

We hope you all enjoyed your half term break. We are looking forward to lots more exciting learning this half term.

### Foundation Learning

Our topic this half term is based on the geography skills of mapping and identifying human and physical features. We will be looking at different kinds of maps and making our own maps of our school. In Science, we will be looking at the weather. How we measure the weather and the different types of weather. We will also begin our longitudinal study on the Seasons. In Art we will be looking at the artist Matisse and recreating his pictures using collage.



## English

We're starting this term with some sparkling Bonfire Night poetry! The children will be exploring adjectives and onomatopoeia to bring their poems to life — think *crackling fires*, *whizzing rockets*, and *popping sparklers*! Later in the term, we'll be diving into the delightful story "What's Cooking, Jamela?" by Niki Daly. Through this text, the children will develop their comprehension skills, explore characters and themes, and take part in some creative writing activities inspired by the story.

## Maths

In Maths we will continue working on numbers within 10 using addition and subtraction. We will also be learning our number bonds to 10 and finish the term learning about 2d and 3d shapes. We are also doing daily mastering number sessions using rekenreks.

## Home Learning

We believe reading at home is an important way of supporting your child with their learning at school. We recommend that children read to an adult every day for about ten minutes. Please also ensure that your child brings their book bag to school every day with their reading journal in, so teachers are able to comment and provide suggestions to help you, too. Spellings will be sent home each week. Please encourage your child to read the word, cover and write the word, then check for accuracy.

## School trip

We are thrilled to announce that this term we will be visiting the Natural History Museum to see David Attenborough's inspiring exhibition, which links beautifully with our whole-school project. The trip will take place on Monday, 1st December, and we're very fortunate that it is fully funded, including coach travel. If you would like to join us on this exciting trip, please let your class teacher know. If we receive a high level of interest, places will be allocated by a draw.

We can't wait for this fantastic learning experience!

**The Year 1 team.**