



# Year 1 Class Newsletter

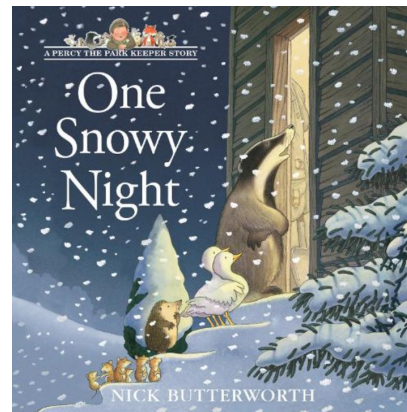
## Spring Term 1: Mon 5 Jan - Fri 13 Feb



Dear Parents & Carers

Welcome back and **Happy New Year** to you all! We hope you all had a lovely Christmas break and would like to thank you for your cards and generous gifts. We are really looking forward to another busy half term in Year 1 as we move towards Spring!

**English:** Our new text in English is 'One Snowy Night' by Nick Butterworth. Although we will continue to build sentences using all the key elements for writing, our main grammatical focuses will be prefixes and suffixes. We will also be exploring poetry, and writing an acrostic WINTER poem.



**Maths:** Children will gain confidence counting forwards, and backwards, within 20 and beyond. We will also look at 'one more', 'one less' and will use manipulatives to understand 10 and 20. Later this half term we will begin to explore addition and subtraction within 20.



**Geography:** Over the next few weeks we will 'zoom out' further from East Morton and look at the four countries in the UK! This will involve naming the capital cities in all four countries as well as continuing our work on human and physical by identifying key landmarks across the countries.

**Science:** This half term we will be learning about animals with our learning question 'What kind of animal is it?'. We will explore mammals, reptiles, birds, fish and amphibians including what animals eat and look at whether they are carnivores, herbivores or omnivores. Seasonal changes will involve observing changes across the season of winter, and describing weather associated with this season.

**RE:** We will be looking at God's creation, using the book of Genesis. The children will have the opportunity to explore lots of big questions about the world around us.

**PE:** PE days continue to be **Monday** and **Tuesday**. A reminder that PE kit must be in school on these days. This half term we will be working on a fun dance unit, to the music of 'I just can't wait to be king!' from The Lion King.

**Routines:** Children need to bring their phonics reading books to school **every day** and will receive a new decodable book every Monday. Please also be aware that **library books must be brought in on Fridays**, as this is when we visit the library and changeover books. If your child does not bring their library book back, they will not be allowed to choose another book. Please can all parents check whether they have any extra reading books at home, as we are still missing a few. Please could we also ask that all items of uniform are clearly named, including PE kit, so that we can return lost items to the correct children.

Miss Whitaker, Mrs Booth & Mr Birrane