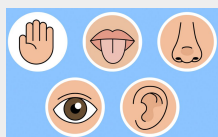


# Y1 Bulletin: Spring 2024

## Autumn Term Topics



History:  
How have toys changed?



Science:  
Sensitive bodies

## The Year 1 Team

Miss Waters - Class Teacher  
Miss Ali - Learning Support Assistant  
Miss Femi - Learning Support Assistant  
Miss Tefani - Learning Support Assistant

You can speak to us at the end of each school day in the playground or you can contact us through the school office by calling 0207 736 2318 or by sending an email to [info@academy.thomas-s.co.uk](mailto:info@academy.thomas-s.co.uk)

Our School Uniform is important - please make sure your child is wearing the correct clothes and shoes and that they have the correct PE kit. Please ensure that every item of your child's school uniform is named with a sewn on label or permanent pen.

## School Start Time

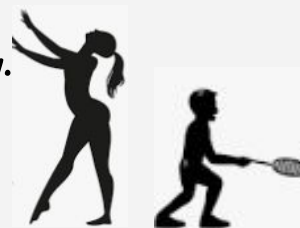
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## School End Time

3:30pm

PE Days: **Monday and Thursday.**

Children should come dressed in their PE kit on these days.



**Every day is vital** - please make sure that your child does not miss school unless they are seriously unwell. Holidays in term time are not permitted. Please let the school office know if your child is absent.



Your child is expected to bring in their reading folder everyday so that letters and books can be brought home for you and your child to read.

**It is vital** that you take time to read with your child as often as possible. Your child will be bringing a reading book home to read daily, along with a reading diary to record comments about their reading in.



Your child will be set homework every **Friday**. It must be completed by the following **Wednesday**.

## Key Dates

15th Jan- Martin Luther King Day

25th Jan- Burns Night

29th Jan- 2nd Feb- Aspirations Week and National Storytelling Week

5th- 9th Feb- Children's Mental Health Week

6th Feb- Safer Internet Day

12th- 16th Feb- HALF TERM

1st Mar- St. David's Day (Daffodil House wear a yellow accessory)

7th Mar- World Book Day

8th Mar- International Women's Day

10th Mar- Ramadan begins (Islam)

17th Mar- St Patrick's Day (Shamrock House wear a green accessory)

18-19th Mar- Parents Meetings

20th Mar- Creative Festival

25th Mar- Holi (Hindu festival)

27th Mar- Year 3 Class Assembly

28th Mar- END OF TERM (2pm finish)

We are always looking for ways to improve our school - please feel free to contact the school office if you have any ideas or suggestions or if there is an issue you would like to discuss.

In our History 'Toys' topic, Year 1 will be sequencing toys into a physical timeline, children investigate artefacts from the past and begin to pose questions. They learn how teddy bears have changed and 'interview' an old teddy bear before considering what toys may be like in the future.



In our first Science 'Sensitive bodies' topic, Year 1 will be identifying and naming body parts, exploring our five senses and conducting practical activities with the senses to spot patterns and answer questions.



Our second Science topic will be 'Comparing Animals'

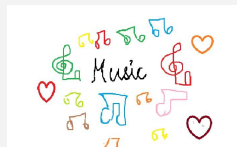
In Art, we will be learning about:

This term Year 1 will be introduced to DT. They will learn about structures and how to build 3D shapes that are strong and sturdy. Later in the term they will apply these skills to sculpture, creating models of mythical creatures using various materials and joining methods.



In Music we will be learning about:

Musical vocabulary  
(Theme: Under the sea)  
Timbre and rhythmic patterns  
(Theme: Fairy tales)



## English

Reading the stories of Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak, and Elmer by David McKee. We will learn how to write a character description of a Wild Thing, using adjectives, alliteration, verbs and sentences of power. We will then look at the structure of a story and begin putting our sentences together to make our own version of Elmer.



## Maths

In Maths we will be learning about:

- The make ten strategy.
- Time
- Exploring calculation strategies within 20.
- Numbers to 50.
- Addition and subtraction within 20.
- Fractions
- Measures: length and mass.

In Character Curriculum, we will be learning about:

Dreams and Goals and Healthy Eating.

In PE, we will be learning about:  
Gymnastics!

In our gymnastics lesson we are learning how to balance with our partner, different types of rolls, movements, jumping and improving our balancing and coordination skills. We will also be looking at doing a mini in class performance! Next term we are looking at racquet skills!

**Our RE focus this term is:**  
Friendship (Values and Reflection)

Easter and Surprises (How beliefs are expressed)

In Spanish, we will be learning about:

In my town (Moving On)  
Recognise, recall, and remember up to 7 places from our town in Spanish. Attempt to spell some of these nouns with their correct indefinite article/determiner. Attempt to build a sentence using the structure 'hay' (there is) plus the noun and the correct indefinite article/determiner.

**In Computing** we will:

Explore algorithms through a variety of cross curricular unplugged activities. They will also be exposed to digital devices for programming, as part of continuous provision.