

# Halstow Primary School

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## Spring 1 Newsletter Year 1

Dear Year 1 Parents and Guardians,

Happy New Year 2024! We hope you had a relaxing and fun Christmas break, whether or not you were celebrating. We are looking forward to a fantastic term in Year 1, here's a little about what we'll be up to...

Addition and subtraction will be our focus in maths this half term. We will begin by consolidating our learning from the end of last term, continuing to practise adding by 'counting on' and using number bonds to add. Becoming fluent with using number bonds is particularly useful in helping children calculate mentally. We will then shift our focus to subtraction, progressing onto problems which involve 'bridging 10'. (Example of problem **not** bridging ten:  $15 - 4$ . Example that does involve bridging ten:  $15 - 6$ ). Children will learn and practice strategies to solve both types of problem.

Our literacy this term will centre around the theme of 'Into the Forest', which is linked to our science learning about the seasons. We will be taking a trip to the Pleasaunce in Week 2 to look at how Winter has affected the woodland area, and then again later in Spring to spot how the warmer (hopefully!) weather brings new life and growth. We will be writing forest poetry and a setting description inspired by this visit, using all the adjectives and onomatopoeia we generate from our experiences in our writing. We are really excited to be sharing one of our favourite, most magical texts with the children throughout this term: Enid Blyton's 'The Enchanted Wood'. For our final piece of writing the children will be creating their own imaginary land to visit at the top of the Faraway Tree – we are so excited to read all about them!

### Reminder of PE Days:

These will remain the same this term:

Miss Fay's Class: **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays**

Miss Mancey's Class: **Tuesdays** and **Wednesdays**

Can the children wear trainers and comfortable clothes on these days please!

Warm wishes to you and your families,

Miss Fay and Miss Mancey