

# Halstow Primary School

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## Spring 2 Newsletter

### Year 1

Dear Year 1 Parents and Guardians,

We hope you had a relaxing and fun Half term break! We are looking forward to a fantastic term in Year 1, here's a little about what we'll be up to...

#### Maths

This half term in maths we will be focusing on length and height, mass and volume whilst consolidating place value within 50. We will begin by working on our understanding of 50 by partitioning into tens and ones as well as grouping. Following on from this, the children will be introduced to the concept of length and height covering both non-standard and standard units. We will then move on to measuring and comparing mass, volume and capacity to finalise our learning this half term.

#### Literacy

We will be using some fantastic books as context for our writing this term:



Children will be developing their foundational writing skills with and enjoying writing with more independence and creativity. Our literacy focus will deepen children's understanding of our science, DT and history learning this term.

In phonics, we continue to move through the Phase 5 GPCs and tricky words, shown below. We will be building opportunities for children to apply new spelling rules in their writing. More information on phonics can be found here:

<https://www.littlewandle.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

Spring 2 Phase 5 graphemes	New tricky words
/ur/ or word /oo/ u oul awful could /air/ are share /or/ au aur oor al author dinosaur floor walk /ch/ tch ture match adventure /ar/ al a half* father* /or/ a water schwa in longer words: different /o/ a want /air/ ear ere bear there /ur/ ear learn /r/ wr wrist /s/ st sc whistle science /c/ ch school /sh/ ch chef /z/ ze freeze schwa at the end of words: actor	once laugh because eye

## Wider Curriculum

This term we have a history focus and we will be learning about Grace Darling, a lighthouse keeper's daughter who in 1838 bravely rescued 9 shipwrecked sailors. We will also be diving into the origins of the Royal National Lifeboat Institute (RNLI). To celebrate this year's science week, we will be designing and testing our own rafts. This will link to our DT topic which will focus on designing and constructing a model lifeboat. In our ongoing science topic, we will continue to learn about animals including humans with a focus on observing, classifying and researching. In computing this term will look at how we use web browsers to search for information. In PE will continue to develop our ball skills, focusing on feet coordination and dribbling. In RE, the children will be continuing to learn about Christianity with a focus on the story of Easter.

## Forthcoming trips and events:

- Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February – Book fair
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March - World Book Day (dress up as a character)
- 6<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> March - British Science Week
- Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March - visit to the Cutty Sark  
(please let us know if you can volunteer!)

## PE Days

Miss Mancey's class: **Thursday** and **Friday**

Mrs Paratilla's class: **Tuesday** and **Friday**

Please ensure children wear trainers and comfortable clothes on these days.

Warm wishes to you and your families,

Miss Mancey & Mrs Paratilla