

KS1 Newsletter

Autumn Term 2

Can we just take this opportunity to thank all the parents, carers and other family members who attended the open afternoon. It was lovely to see so many of you. The children really enjoyed it and we hope you did too!

Important Dates

- Santa Run- Friday 25th November
- Our Christmas Performance this year is '**Little Angel gets her wings**'. We will be holding two performances Tuesday 6th December 10am and Thursday 8th December 2pm. A letter has been sent out this week about tickets for the performances. Please return as soon as possible.
- Christmas Disco- Monday 19th December. All the children can attend school in their party clothes ready for the disco on the afternoon. Please ensure the children are wearing suitable footwear.

Topic

The children really liked the first half term's topic 'Dinosaur Planet!' and learnt lots of new knowledge. The visit from Kirkleatham Owls and Animals was amazing, and the children thoroughly enjoyed learning about the different animals. They even had a chance to touch and feed them.

This half term our topic is 'Bright Lights, Big City'. In this topic, the children will be learning about the cities in the UK. We will be focusing particularly on London. The children will also learn about the Great fire of London.

Advanced Notice

The children will be going on a trip to Durham Castle as part of our topic after Christmas. This trip will be on Tuesday 7th February for Year 2 children and Friday 10th February for Year 1 children. We will send a letter and consent form nearer to the time.

Homework

The children will be sent weekly maths or Literacy homework.

Homework will be sent out on a **Thursday** and due in the following **Wednesday**.

Reading

Please spend 10 minutes each night reading with your child and make a comment about their reading in their reading record. Please sign this comment. If your child reads at least three times a week at home for four weeks, they will move on the reading rainbow. As your child moves through each colour on the reading rainbow, they will receive a certificate. When they reach the end, they will be able to choose a book of their own to take home and keep.



Spellings

The children will be given weekly spellings to practise based on the phonic sounds/keywords they will be learning in school that week. Please practise these spellings regularly with your child.

The children will be given their spellings on a **Friday** and tested on the following **Friday**.

If you have, any questions or concerns please feel free to speak to your child's class teacher.

Thank you for your continued support.

KS1 Team