



**Mount Pleasant Primary School**  
**Year 1 Half-Termly Newsletter**

Jan-Feb  
2018

**Our News**

We hope that you enjoyed our production 'It's Chriiiiistmas'! The children worked really hard, were extremely well behaved during rehearsals and we were really proud of them! They were absolutely fantastic and sang and danced beautifully. Thank you for all of your help with costumes, they looked amazing! At Christmas time one of our favourite activities was creating our Candy Cane Mice tree decorations, thank you for your kind support. The money that we raised goes towards the educational visits that we go on throughout the year.

Our Year 1 curriculum is on our website for you to be able to see what we will be learning but some of the highlights will be: in history we will be investigating the lives of rich and poor children in Victorian times; in geography we will be investigating the four countries which make up the United Kingdom; in science we will be investigating the structure of plants; in DT we will be making moving puppets for Chinese New Year; in music we will be listening to Tchaikovsky.

**Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year**  
**From Year One staff**

You can support your child this half term by:

**Reading**

Thank you for supporting your child with their reading at home.

Please keep hearing your child read regularly: it really does help their learning immensely. Just a few pages each night will have an impact on their reading skills. We hope you found the comprehension question sheet useful in reading at home sessions.

Regularly practising the phonics sounds is also essential this year, as we work on our phonics every day at school in preparation for the Year 1 Phonics Screening which takes place in June 2018. Please continue to help your child with their phonics at home.

Remember: **Children who read well, do well!**

**Writing**

Our writing this half term will focus on sequencing stories. We will also be writing a recount of our visit to Hartlebury Castle. We will also be writing all about the Christmas holidays. We are especially looking forward to hearing all the exciting news from the festive period.

**Spelling Challenges:**

We will continue with Spelling Challenges next half term.

You can find the challenges on the parent section of the website.

**Maths**

We have started our work on addition and subtraction, using various resources to aid our learning. We will be continuing with this into the New Year, as well as our daily mental recall of number bonds to ten and extending this to number bonds to twenty. The children have been learning about doubling numbers to twenty mentally, when they are secure with this, we will be moving onto halving numbers mentally, so keep practising!

Thank you for your continued support at home, it really makes a difference!

You can find Maths challenges on the parent section of the website.

**Believe it, Achieve it!**



Maths Challenges:

*These children have moved on with their challenges—well done!*

Amber, Leo, Ethan, Jupiter, Tyler, Jaya, Jessica, Hooria, Rupert, Jordan, Joshua, Scarlett, Rukaiya, Isobel, Daisy-May, Liberty, Oliver, Archie, Laiba, Shay, Owais, Charlton, Alexander, Sonny, Jayden, Ayesha, Poppy P, Alfie, Leyna-Sophia, Evie-Mai, Ellis, Emelia, Jamie, Haiqa, Maddison, Lacey-Mae, Aaron, Libby, Amara

Spelling Challenges:

*These children have moved on with their challenges—well done!*

Isobel, Ellis, Libby, Oliver, Jordan, Jaya, Harry, Emelia, Jayden, Haiqa, Daisy-May, Jessica, Leyna-Sophia, Ayesha, Jupiter, Owais, Maddison, Poppy, Lacey-Mae, Aaron, Amara, Joshua, Rukaiya, Jamie

Pupil of the Month

*Libby*

Kindness Award

*Haiqa*

Outstanding Learner

Isobel, Daisy-May, Liberty, Phoebe, Jessica, Tyler, Shay, Ellis, Evie-Mai, Libby, Jacob Leo, Oliver, Leyna-Sophia, Archie, Ayesha, Alfie, Rukaiya, Alexander, Poppy, Raphael, Amber, Jordan, Jupiter, Sonny, Rupert, Owais, Jaya, Maddison, Ethan, Poppy, Harry, Lacey-Mae, Emelia, Aaron, Megan, Tai, Laiba, Amara, Joshua, Jayden, Jamie, Ffion, Scarlett, Haiqa

## December/January Birthdays

A very happy 6<sup>th</sup> birthday to:

Leo, Joshua, Charlton, Daisy-May,  
Raphael, Jordan, Maddison, Ayesha and  
Amber.



## Book Bags

It is fantastic to see so many children with small blue book bags in school. Could we ask that any attached key rings are limited to one per bag? Children are struggling to shut their trays leading to fingers being trapped. Thank you.

## Dates for diary:

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January - Back to school

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January - visit to Hartlebury Castle and Museum

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February - Break up for half term

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February - Back to school

## Visits Out

*We are organising visits out to enhance our curriculum this term. In January we will be visiting Hartlebury Castle and Museum to learn about a Victorian childhood and Victorian toys. The cost of this visit will include the coach, insurance and learning activities provided by the museum. The cost of visits can no longer be subsidised by school and so we hope that you can support us in order for this visit to go ahead. A letter will follow in January.*

*Unfortunately our visit to Mount Pleasant Chapel this term was cancelled due to the school being closed because of heavy snowfall. We will be visiting the chapel again later in the year. We shall also be visiting Tesco to follow their Farm to Fork trail, a free visit using the minibus, fourteen children at a time over four weeks.*

## Education City

Education City will now contain homework activities for reading and writing, linked to areas of study. There will also be maths activities posted for children to complete too. All children should now have received their password enabling them to access the site from home. Enter "Education City" into Google and choose the Login section, then enter your child's user name and password. Your child should then be able to access their home learning. If your child is unable to access this at home please inform a Year 1 member of staff.

## P.E.

Our P.E. days are **Wednesday** and **Friday**. Could we also ask that all children have a correct **outdoor P.E. kit**, made up of a blue tracksuit (jogging bottoms and a fleece jumper or jacket) and trainers, and an inside P.E. kit made up of blue shorts, black pumps and a white t-shirt? Also please could we ask that earrings are removed if your child is unable to do this themselves?