

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a great first week back at school. The children have settled back into routine really quickly and it's been great to hear all about their Christmas break. In class we have been discussing our new year's resolutions and have been setting goals to work on.

**English:-** This week we will be introducing the story '**London Calls!**' The children will be looking up facts about London which they will use to create a poster.

**Phonics:-** We will start learning new alternative sounds **ai**(a, ey), **ea**(eigh), **ar**(a), **ee** (e), **igh** (i), **igh** (y)

**Maths:-** We will be looking at numbers within 20 individually and will be starting to represent them in different ways e.g. writing them in words, numerals and pictorially.

**Music:-** We will be listening, appraising and comparing two pieces of music. We will also be learning and performing the second verse of the song 'Rhythm in the way we walk'.

**PSHE:-** We will be learning to set goals and finding small steps to achieve the goals.

**Science:-** This week we will be continuing our learning about materials and will focus on '**rock**'. Children will have an opportunity to observe and categorise different types of rock **(Please could you go on a rock hunt and bring your finding to class to share during this lesson).**

**Geography:-** We will be learning to identify the countries and capital cities of the UK.

**At home you could:**

- Please continue to read your reading books - even if it is just for five minutes per day. Remember - reading the same book is a positive thing! It helps to develop fluency and confidence.
- We will be looking at landscape in Art this term. Can you research Monet and his cityscapes - do you have a favourite piece of art? Can you recreate one of his images?
- Go on a number hunt around your house and see if you can write the numbers you find in different forms e.g. writing them in words, numerals and pictorially.

**Notice:**

**PE:**

Squirrel Class - Monday

Hedgehog Class - Tuesday

Fox Class - Wednesday

All classes: Multi-sports every Thursday morning

**Library:**

Children will be visiting the library once a week and will be able to borrow a book. We ask that their library book is in their book bag so that they can change it on their library day.

**Tuesday** - Fox Class

**Friday**- Hedgehog Class and Squirrel Class

**Diary Dates:**

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January: Start of FoML Active Challenge - More information to follow

**Notices:**

Year 1 will be visiting the North West Surrey Synagogue in Rosslyn Park, Weybridge, on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January and Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February. We will need a minimum of 5 parent helpers per class to join us on the trip for both days. Please inform your child's Class Teacher by emailing the School Office before 15<sup>th</sup> January, if you are able to help. Thank you to those parents who have already offered their help.

Thank you,  
The Year 1 Team