



**Show and Tell...** Each week we will have a Show and Tell session, (timetable provided on Year 1 window). The children should prepare information they want to share. We encourage the children to bring in objects from home. However we ask that the objects are not too valuable or sentimental and are not toys.

**Uniform, PE kits and water bottles ...** We expect the children to be in full school uniform at all times. PE days are on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays** and earrings must be removed before school and long hair must be tied back.

Water bottles can be kept in school but they must contain water only. We ask that the water bottles are clearly named.

**Homework ...** Homework will be set on a weekly basis. Your child will receive 1 piece of Phonics and 1 piece of Maths homework. Homework is set on a Thursday and we expect it to be returned by the following Wednesday.

**Reading ...** Reading books will be changed each week by an adult, children must put their reading book in the box in the classroom when it is ready to be changed. There is an expectation that children read every night of the week, preferably to an adult (this could be an older sibling if necessary).

**Dates for your diary ...**

Library visits:

Hazel class: TBC

Holly class: TBC

Visit to local Canal: TBC

Visit to local Mosque: TBC



# Water, Water Everywhere



**Year 1  
Spring Term**



Welcome back and Happy New Year. We are really pleased with how all of the children have settled in to year one and we had an enjoyable start to the academic year, learning lots during our topic 'A Walk in the World.

We thank you for your ongoing support and involvement in your child's education and we look forward to continuing this with you over the coming term. It is important that your child is in school and on time every day.

#### Year 1 team...

Miss Challinor (Hazel class teacher)

Mr Marsland (Holly class teacher)

Mrs Allen (Teaching assistant)

Mrs Marriott (Teaching assistant)

Miss Wilkinson (KS 1 Phase leader)

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns, we will do our best to answer your queries. The happiness of your child is very important to us all.

#### Our topic...

The theme for our spring term topic is 'Water, Water Everywhere'. The topic aims to highlight why water is important and different sources of water including; ponds, canals and the sea. Through our work the children explore pond life, participate in a local history project and compare Blackheath to a seaside location. We do hope that you will encourage your child to research this topic at home as this will support them during their lessons.



English... This term in English we will be focussing on stories with in familiar settings, create rhyming poems and learn more about instructions. We will write for a range of purposes.

Maths... In Maths we will be continuing to develop the children's knowledge of the number system and applying this in a range of problem solving situations. We will also further our learning on shape, time, money and data handling this term.

Science... The children will be developing their scientific skills by exploring plants, common fish and the structure of fish. We will also learn about the different foods that animals eat.

History and Geography.. In our History work the children will be learning about Grace Darling and the important work carried out by the RNLI. In Geography children will explore the geographical features of seaside location and learn how to create simple maps.

PE... Our PE sessions this term will focus on object control using bats and balls. During our sessions we will also be focussing on activities based around endurance.

The Arts and Technology... In Art children will have the opportunity to explore canal art and study the work of Lowry. During DT the children will be designing and making water catching machines.

RE... Our RE lessons this term will be learning about Baptism and the use of promises. Later in the term the children will explore Islam and learn about places of worship.

Computing... The children will learn to use word processing programs and safely search for pictures using the Internet. They will also learn to save and print their work using icons.