

# Hazel Leys Academy

## Year 1 Spring Term 1

### Welcome to our Exciting New Term

Our new topic is 'Explorers'. We will be learning about what explorers do, what they might need to take with them and where they might go. Koala class will be researching explorers from the past and more recent ones.

Homework – Draw and label three new (imaginary) plants or animals that an explorer might have seen. Make a 'message in a bottle' to be thrown overboard from an explorer's ship. Include information about where you are and what you have seen.

**You only need to produce one piece of homework. We can't wait to see them – please bring them in as soon as you have finished them.**

What a busy term we have just had!

We enjoyed Outdoor learning day, African drumming, Children in Need, a visit from the fire brigade and our winter arts and craft day.

Here we are testing what materials would keep Jigsaw Jack dry as part of our Science topic.



### What is happening the term:

January 27th Holocaust Memorial Day

January 28th National Story Telling Week

February 1st Number Day (NSPCC)

February 5th Chinese New Year

February 12th Safer Internet Day

February 13th Class Photographs

February 14th Valentine's Day

**February 15th End of Term - Academy Closes**

### Spring Term 1 Learning

English – This term we will be looking at rhyme with a focus on Julia Donaldson and different fantasy worlds she has created. Maths – We will be focusing on place value, comparing groups of objects and ordering numbers.

RE – Over the next few weeks we will be learning about friendship and how Jesus was a good friend.

Science - This term we will carry on focusing on Materials. We will be describing and grouping different objects according to their properties.

Caroline Goddard will be joining the Year 1 team as a teaching student from Northampton University. We are looking forward to working with her from 10 January – 15<sup>th</sup> March.

PE will be on Tuesday and Friday.  
Please make sure your child has a PE kit in school on those days.

We have been so impressed with the weekly spelling results – please continue to practice with your child as it really does make a difference!



Reading – Please continue to read with your child throughout the week. If you sign their reading record, your child will get a smiley!

We will change the reading books Monday, Wednesday and Friday if the reading record has been signed.

Below is a list of the Year 1 Common Exception words, please practice reading and spelling them throughout the year – on their own, in sentences and in short stories.

# Year 1

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