

## **WELCOME TO THE KEY STAGE 1 NEWSLETTER**

### MESSAGE FROM MRS NORRIS

Dear Parents and Carers

This month in Key Stage 1 it has been full of exciting learning opportunities and achievements.

On Wednesday of this week, Year 1 welcomed parents into school for a maths workshop. It was wonderful to see families working alongside their children to learn new ways to support mathematical understanding at home. A huge 'thank you' to Miss Kemp and Miss Barissal for organising such an informative and interactive session.

In English, Monkeys and Tigers have been using the text 'Grandpa's Gift' by Fiona Lumbers as a stimulus for their writing. They have focused on improving punctuation and building stamina for writing over longer periods. The children are also eagerly looking forward to next week's trip to Whipsnade Zoo, where they will link their learning about seasons, habitats and animals to their science curriculum.

Year 2 have been thoroughly enjoying their new 'Coastline' project. The children have developed their understanding of both human and physical features found in coastal towns across the UK, specifically comparing the coastal town of Whitby with their home town of Dunstable. They have even been using compass points to describe the position of landmarks on a map.

In Art and Design, the children explored shape and form by sketching flowers before creating beautiful 3D roses using clay. They were delighted with the finished results — well done, Year 2!

Last week, Zebra Class received a visit from the Dunstable Fire Brigade. The children thoroughly enjoyed learning about fire safety and the vital role firefighters play in our community. Unfortunately, the crew were unable to visit Penguin Class the following day due to a genuine emergency. I am currently rescheduling this visit and will share further information once confirmed.

I hope you all have a lovely and restful half-term when it arrives next week.

Mrs Norris

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## WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON?

Zebras and Penguins have shown incredible dedication to their reading throughout January, collectively finishing 118 books. This impressive effort accounts for a total of 73,999 words read, with students averaging 6 minutes of reading per day. Well done Year 2 - keep it up!

### Year 2 Reads!



In January 2026, students have read...

**118** Books

**73,999** Words

for **6** minutes/day!  
(individual student average)

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## DIARY DATES:

9<sup>th</sup> February - Penguin Class Assembly  
12<sup>th</sup> February - Year 1 Zoo trip  
13<sup>th</sup> February - Break up for half-term  
23<sup>rd</sup> February - Back to school  
19<sup>th</sup> March - Year 2 Coastal Day

