

Kindness, Curiosity, Commitment

Welcome back to all our fabulous families in Year 1! We hope that you had a lovely half term and that your children are rested and ready to learn.

Curriculum

We begin Term 4 with our Woodland Walk to get the children inspired to write their own stories. We would really appreciate parent helpers to come with us. Details of the timings and clothing requirements are below.

Throughout the term, we will be continuing to explore the natural world through our learning about animals and plants in science; using textiles to create our own artwork and exploring if you can build a house with bread in DT! If you have any skills or expertise in any of these areas and you would like to share them with us, then please get in touch.

*Our **Author of the Term** continues to be the wonderful John Burningham. The children love the humour in his book and we would really recommend you look at some together if you don't already know his work.*

*Our **Artist of the Term** is Anne Kelly. We will be looking at how we can use fabrics and textures to create our own self-portraits.*

Narrowways Trip

*On **Wednesday 1st March** we are going on a local walk up to the Narrowways Nature Reserve to explore what woodlands look like for our story writing the following week. We would be really grateful for **parent/carer volunteers to come along and support from 1-3pm** that day. Please let us know by emailing the office or speaking to the class teacher, ideally by Monday.*

Please could children come in wearing school uniform, and bring wellies and waterproofs with them in case the weather is bad. Unfortunately, we do not have many spare waterproofs to lend to children on the day.

Reading

We have been really impressed by how frequently children are reading at home and their pride in their growing ability. This term we will be sending home some key sounds and Common Exception Words (words you have to learn by sight and cannot sound out). These are specific to your child's next steps and we would really appreciate if you could practise them when you read together three times a week. Once they are confident with that set we will give them the next one.

Reminders

- **School uniform** - please ensure your child is wearing uniform which is **labelled** with their name. Please can you also ensure they are not wearing jewellery into school.