

# KS1 Newsletter

## Spring 2024

What a fantastic start to the new year we have had!  
Read on to find out what we've been up to...



### To Infinity and Beyond

We really enjoyed our space themed topic this term. We were all so excited and immersed in the learning and finding out lots of new facts about the world beyond us. We especially enjoyed the visit from the Wonderdome and seeing the planets close up.

### We Are Writers

This half term we have been reading the text 'The Story Machine', a book that is all about a boy who finds a machine and he is unaware of what it can do. He discovers that it is a typewriter and begins telling magnificent stories.

We used this book to inspire our own writing and have retold the stories in our own words making one change, such as a different character, plot or setting.

### Upcoming Dates

Monday 15th April – INSET Day  
Tuesday 16th April – First Day Back  
Wednesday 17th April & Thursday 18th April – KS1 Aquarium Trips  
Wednesday 24th April – Yr 1 Infant Agility  
Wednesday 24th April – Yr 2 Dance House Performance (evening)  
Friday 10th May – Reading/Maths Morning (not Tuesday 7th May)  
W/C Monday 27th May – Half Term  
Monday 10th June – Reading/ Maths Morning (not Tuesday 11th June)  
Friday 28th June– Sports Day  
Monday 1st July – Reports Sent Home  
Wednesday 3rd July– Transition Day  
Friday 5th July– Reserve Sports Day

### Reminders

On PE days, children should arrive at school in their Nyewood PE kit. Please ensure that earrings are taped or removed and long hair is tied up.

Please can you also make sure your child has a water bottle everyday. Do also ensure your children's uniform is labelled with their name please.

Remember hot dinners need to be pre-ordered.

### Mathematics

We have had a busy term in mathematics, covering lots of different skills. We have looked at fractions of shape, number and quantities, where we learnt to identify and name quarters, halves and thirds. We have then been looking at measurements including height and length, temperature and capacity. We have been using mathematical equipment to help us with measuring and have then used this knowledge to solve problems and used mathematical language to respond to reasoning questions.

### Music

Our Non-Core learning this term has been music. We have been using a scheme called 'Charanga' to support us with our music learning. We have been listening to and appraising different songs. We have had discussions about the style of music, the beat of the song and what instruments we can recognise. We then learnt a song called 'Hey You' which included a rap. We were then very excited to learn to play the glockenspiels where we focused on playing the note 'C' in time with the beat (or pulse) of the music.

### Staffing Update

This term we are saying goodbye to Mrs Mitchell. We would like to say a big thank you for all of her hard work and wish her the best of luck on her next adventure. We would also like to welcome Mr McCann who will be joining us in KS1 and teaching in Chestnut Class.

### Ways to support at home

Please continue to read with your child every day. We will carry on tracking how often your child reads at home on their star chart and will reward them for every 50 reads!

As part of our phonics scheme of learning, children are primarily taught their reading skills through reading lessons three times a week where they will work closely with the teacher as well as reading as part of a group.

If you would like to support your child in mathematics, here are some useful websites to try:

Top Marks    BBC Bitesize    ICT Games

**Don't forget to check out the Learning Zone** on the school website:

[Nyewood CE Infants School - Home \(nyewoodinf.co.uk\)](http://nyewoodinf.co.uk)



