

# Year 1 Newsletter

April 2026



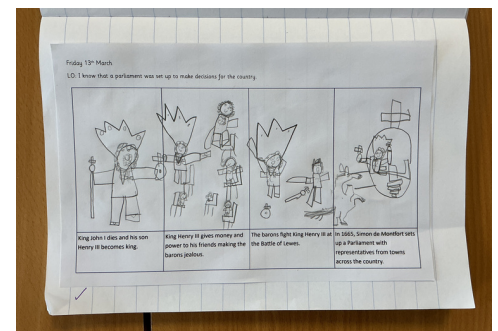
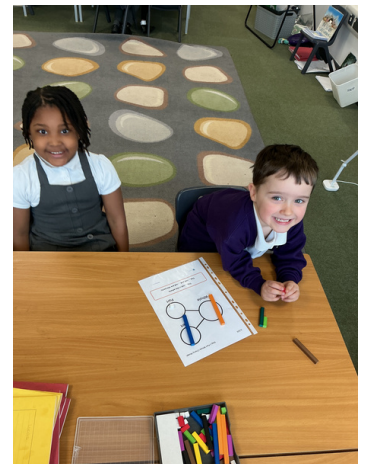
## Last half term highlights

**Harp class worked exceptionally hard this half term!**

**In History, we have been studying kings and queens. The children showed enthusiasm when learning about King John and his agreement with the people, the Magna Carta.**

**In English, we read Winter Sleep. Two key themes emerged: the relationship between the young boy and his grandmother and the concept of animal hibernation. The children were particularly engaged in learning how different animals, such as bats and bears, hibernate.**

**During the half term, we participated in outdoor learning sessions with Mr Peck. Through active, hands on experiences, the children explored environmental topics including caring for the Earth, logging, pollution, recycling and the responsible use of natural resources.**



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## Overview of learning for Summer 1

### Art - Making Birds - how can we transform 2d paper into 3d form?

Drawing from images and film  
Drawing from observation  
Introducing 3D  
Make, share, reflect, discuss

### Computing - digital writing

### DT - cooking

### English - Claude in the City by Alex T Smith

Rehearsing a sentence  
Joining sentences using 'and'  
Full stops, exclamation marks, question marks  
Prefixes and suffixes

### Geography - The Seven Continents

The seven continents  
The five oceans  
The equator and the poles  
Land around the world  
Europe: our continent

### Maths

Multiplication  
Division  
Time - o'clock, half past  
Fractions - sharing into equal groups

### PE

Ball Skills  
Kiwk Cricket

### PSHE - Keeping Safe

People who help us  
Responding safely to unknown adults  
What to do if you feel unsafe  
How to get help in an accident

### RE - Our Wonderful World

Creation Stories - Christianity and Judaism  
Islamic Creation Story  
Looking After the World  
Looking After People

### Science - Plants

What plants need  
Parts of plants  
Seeds  
Deciduous and evergreen plants  
Plants we eat

### Things to Remember

- The school gates close at 8:30am.
- Monday morning reading will continue - all parents/carers are welcome.
- Library session: Tuesday.
- PE days: Wednesday and Thursday.

