

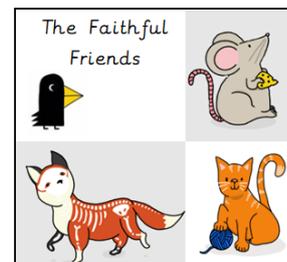


UNITED KINGDOM

Year One — Spring 2 Newsletter

Welcome back everyone!

We are thrilled to kick off another exciting half term, packed with new adventures and opportunities to learn. This term, in writing, we are embarking on an exciting quest with the Faithful Friends, who have been sent to us by the adventurous Professor Klunk. Together, we will follow their thrilling journey, using our imaginations to bring stories to life through our writing. We can't wait to see the children's creativity shine as they join the Faithful Friends on their mission! In Geography, we will be exploring the United Kingdom and learning about the four countries that make up our nation – England, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland. In PSHE, we are focusing on how to stay healthy. From learning about nutritious foods and staying active to practising good hygiene habits, we'll be helping the children understand how to take care of their bodies and minds. We can't wait to see where this half term's adventures will take us!



What we will be learning about:

- **Parts of a Tree** – Identifying the different parts and understanding their functions.
- **Staying Healthy** – Learning about good nutrition, exercise, and hygiene habits.
- **Countries of the UK** – Exploring the four countries that make up the United Kingdom.
- **London Landmarks** – Discovering famous landmarks and their significance.
- **Preparing Fruit and Vegetables** – Creating a fruit kebab by learning how to wash and cut different fruits.
- **Programming Animations** – Learning early programming skills by creating animations and making characters move—using a computer program called Scratch.
- **Addition and Subtraction** – Developing skills to add and subtract within 20.
- **Descriptive Writing** – Enhancing our writing by using descriptive words to add detail and interest.

You can help at home by:

- Accessing Numbots, OxfordOwl, reading the book bag books and using the maths and spelling menus
- Going on nature walks to identify different plants and trees
- Encouraging and discussing healthy eating, regular exercise, and good hygiene routines
- Practising addition and subtraction within 20 using everyday objects
- Encouraging the use of descriptive words when talking about experiences or objects
- Encouraging your children to practise writing simple sentences

Important Information:

1AD PE days are Thursday and Friday.

1GM's PE day is Tuesday.

Please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kit on these days.

Please ensure all clothing is named.

Book Bags: Please ensure your child reads their RWI book bag book at least 3 times per week. This will help to support their reading fluency. Books will be sent home in book bags every **Friday**, so please ensure book bags are returned to school by **Thursday**. You can record what and how your child has read at home in their yellow reading record.

Useful Websites:

These websites will support your child with their learning.

<https://play.numbots.com/>

<https://scratch.mit.edu>

Have a look at our brilliant website, where you will find other useful information and some examples of our beautiful work!

www.clapgateprimaryschool.co.uk