



# Year 1's CHIRP



## Dear Parents and Guardians,

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you all had a wonderful half term and enjoyed some relaxing family time. Thank you so much for attending our recent Parents' Evening - it was lovely to discuss your child's progress and celebrate their achievements together.

This half term, we're excited to begin practising for our Christmas Nativity performance, which will take place in December. We can't wait to share all the children's hard work and festive spirit with you soon!

## Year 1's learning

This half term we will explore:

**English** - This half term we will continue exploring basic Year 1 punctuation (capital letters, finger spaces and full stops). We'll also begin introducing adjectives in a simple and fun way to help the children make their writing more descriptive.

**Computing** - This half term in Computing and we are exploring mouse coding! The children will program robotic mice to follow simple algorithms and navigate mazes, helping them develop sequencing and problem-solving skills in a fun, hands-on way.

**Maths** - This half term we are exploring quantities and comparing these using the vocabulary 'greater than' and 'fewer than'. We will also begin to look at different measures (length, height and weight).

**Geography** - This half term, our topic is 'Our Local Area - Kimberley'. The children will explore the area around our school, learn to read and draw simple maps, and identify human and physical features. When you're out and about, please encourage your child to notice local features such as churches, parks, post offices, or rivers.

## Supporting your child

**Reading** - In Year 1, tricky words are a big focus. Many children are still learning to read and write all the tricky words we've covered so far. The tricky word handout given at Parents' Evening can help with this—please make sure your child practises these words regularly at home.

**Collins Hub** - At Parents' Evening, we mentioned **Collins eBooks (Collins Hub)**. Please make sure you log in regularly, as the online book is matched to your child's current phonics level. Reading these books at home will really help strengthen their confidence and fluency.

## Donations

As we get ready for our Christmas crafting, we'd love to add some extra resources to our construction and creative areas. If you have any spare ribbon, tape, glitter, hole punches, buttons, wrapping paper or string at home that you no longer need, we'd really appreciate your donations. Thank you for helping us get festive and creative!