



# Year 1 Newsletter

Copthorne Primary School

November 2018

## *Welcome back!*

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back we hope you've had a relaxing break. We would like to thank all the parents and carers who ensure their children arrive at school at 8:40 having had breakfast and ready to learn. Please ensure that your child comes to school with the correct PE kit. As the weather is getting colder we would advise that they have a black jacket to keep them warm during PE. We would also like to thank the many parents who have taken the time to complete Raving Reader activities with their children. It really makes a difference to the children's understanding. As a reminder, children should be doing their Word Book and Bear words each night at home. The expectation is to read and write the words in their Word Book, and creating sentences with their Bear Words. Both sets of words will be tested weekly. Thank you.



### What will we be doing this half term?

During our **English** lessons we are learning how to write instructions and we are writing our own version of 'The Gingerbread Man'.

In **Maths** we will be beginning to learn about shape and developing our measuring skills. We will continue to practice our addition and subtraction skills as well.

Our **Copthorne Curriculum** theme this half term is 'Fire! Fire!' where we will be learning about the Great Fire of London.

In **History** we will include looking at the events of the Great Fire of London, why it happened and what happened after the fire.

In **Computing** we will be using our typing and drawing skills to create posters.

We will be creating a gymnastics sequence using the apparatus in **PE** lessons.

In our **DT** lessons we will be learning to sew material to create bunting.

In **Science** lessons we are learning all about materials and their properties.

We are looking forward to the half term ahead with our wonderful children. If you have any questions please feel free to speak to your child's class teacher.



### Homework

#### **Raving Readers**

Please help to support your child by reading at home with them every day. Each time you read with them, sign their record book and return the book to school so they can receive a new one. There are also exciting activities to do once they have read a book. These are to help the children engage with what they have read and read for meaning. At least once a week please help your child to complete one of these activities.

#### **Mathletics/Spellodrome**

Please ensure that your child is completing mathletics **every week**. It is a vital resource to support the children with maths and Spellodrome supports them with spellings that they need in Year One.

#### **Bear Words and Word Books**

These are used to support reading, writing and spelling of common words. Please support your child to read and write these words and encourage them to apply the words to sentences. These are tested weekly and children will receive new words once they can read and write them.