



Shackleton Class



Spring 1, 2025 Year One Newsletter



Welcome back to spring Term, we hope you have had a lovely break! We have enjoyed hearing all about Christmas and the lovely things that you have been up to. Shackleton Class have settled back to school really well and we have already done some fabulous learning. As always, our door is always open so if you have any questions or queries please don't hesitate to speak to a member of the Year 1 team and we will be happy to help.

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 11.2.25

Safer Internet Day

Friday 14.2.25

Finish for half term

Uniform

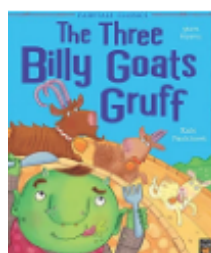
As the weather is still very cold please make sure that your child has a warm coat, hat and gloves every day.

Please also ensure that your child's jumpers and cardigans are clearly labelled with their name to help reunite them with their owner.

What we are learning

This half term our topic is 'The Great, The Bold and The Brave'. As part of our Local History we are looking forward to a visit from a member of the Towton Battlefield Society to bring our Battle of Towton topic to life. In DT, we will be designing and making a shelter for soldiers. In Science, we will be learning about different materials and investigating which material would be the strongest and most waterproof to make a shelter for a (toy) soldier. In English we will be continuing our exciting 'Curious Quests' adventures enjoying a different wonderful book each week.

Our focus texts are:



Our class novels are:

PE Kit Days

Please send your child into school in their PE Kit every **WEDNESDAY** and **FRIDAY**. Please ensure kits meet our uniform requirements.

Reading books are changed each Monday and children visit the library on Wednesday or Thursday.

Homework

Our weekly homework expectation is for your child to:

Complete at least 30 minutes a week on



Complete the assignments set on



(Logins will be sent home on Wednesday)

Read their school reading book daily with an adult.

'Little and often is best'.

Phonics

We will continue to follow the Little Wandle phonics scheme. This half term we will be teaching the next phase of Phase 5 sounds. We will update you regularly on our teaching of phonics and how you can support your child at home through the green challenge books. Please check these regularly for updates.

Tricky Words

This half term your child will be sent home a list of all the Year 1 words which they have been taught since September. It is important that your child is able to sight read these words. Please help your child to practise reading them at home. If your child is able to read these words on sight, please begin to practise spelling them.

This half term's tricky words

any, many, again, who, whole, where, two, school, call, different, thought, through, friend, work.

Maths

This half term we will be looking at place value and addition and subtraction, along with measurement.

KIRFs (Key Instant Recall Facts) for this half term are: to know doubles and halves of numbers to 10

Our Christian Values

Our Christian values this half term are
Respect & Perseverance

"Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts."

- Winston Churchill

Let your light shine - Matthew 5:15-16

Best wishes from Mrs Slater, Mrs Keetley,
Mrs Hillyer and Mrs Walton

