



## Grade 1's Newsletter - Spring 2006

Welcome back to school.  
I hope you had a restful holiday and are looking forward to this coming year. Thank you all very much for your generous Christmas gifts. The camera was an unexpected gift and has been put to excellent use over the Festive period!

### Literacy

During this half term we will be looking at narrative and non-fiction work. The children will learn how to classify different pieces of writing and understand why we use these. We shall introduce more spellings this term; these will be simple 3 and 4 letter words. Please practice these with your child at home. READ, SAY AND SPELL is a good method to use. We will continue to enjoy reading and develop word recognition. Could you please ensure that your child practises reading at home as much as possible. Thanks.

### Maths

We will be looking at problem solving. The children will learn a variety of strategies to work out their answers. We will continue to work on addition and subtraction with an emphasis on mental calculations. We will also introduce the concept of simple division and multiplication at a practical level.

**Happy New Year**  
And all the very  
best in 2006!



### Topics for this term

**Art and Technology-** We will be focusing on moving pictures. The children will learn how to use different materials to join and create a variety of moving objects. Should you like to help with this exciting project, please do not hesitate to contact me.

**Music -** The term is dedicated to making sounds. We will look at high and low pitched sounds and how we use these in music. We will integrate this with our D&T project, Moving Objects. I would be grateful if you could send in any plastic containers to help make our instruments.

**Information and Communication Technology -** During our ICT sessions we will be learning how to label and classify pictures and work that we have created, particularly in science.

**Science-** We will be investigating the life cycle of plants. We hope to grow a variety of different plants and compare and contrast these. We will expose the plants to a variety of different experiments. The children will begin to record their findings.



Parent Volunteers... If you have a few spare hours I would be extremely grateful if you could help out in the class. I will ensure that your time will be full of interesting activities!