

# Year 1 Newsletter 22.5.25



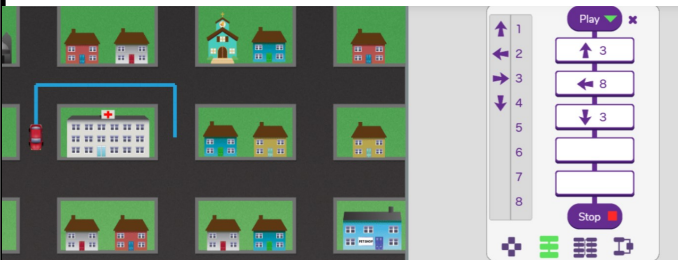
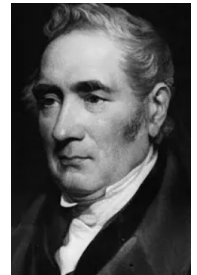
## And just like that...



What a quick half term! We have packed lots into the last two weeks and the children have continued to work hard and do their best, making us very proud. We hope you all have a lovely, restful and hopefully sunny half term break and we look forward to welcoming the children back for their final half term in Year 1.

## Curriculum

In history we been learning about George Stephenson and trying to understand what makes him such an important historical person for our area. We learned about many aspects of his life from working in the mines as a child to playing an integral part in the development of the railways.



In computing this half term we have been learning how to use simple coding to create an algorithm to move a car from A to B. We had to make predictions about how many steps we needed to car to take, test it out and then debug the algorithm if it did not work. This

week we explored putting the algorithm into a flow chart so that we could see all the steps at once making it easier to identify which step needed to be debugged.

The children absolutely amazed us last week with their story writing. They planned their own 'defeating the monster' stories and then followed their plan to write the story. The children were so excited to show off all their writing skills and we were so impressed by their brave spelling, interesting vocabulary choices and confident use of capital letters and full stops. It is incredible how far they have come since September and we could not be prouder!



As part of our science unit we went on a moss hunt. We wanted to see if there was a pattern to where we find moss growing in our school grounds. First we had to understand what moss looks like then we had to find out where it was growing. We were surprised to find it does not need soil to grow and can even grow on rocks and trees. Once we had got used to spotting it there was no

stopping us and we found moss in lots of places around school. After discussing our results we agreed that moss seems to prefer darker, shady places. It was hard for us to establish if it preferred dry or damp areas because we could not find anywhere damp to check! This led to a lovely discussion about the recent weather and our class weather trackers helped us see just how dry it has been over the last two months.

We have been learning about 3D shapes in maths this week, learning their names and identifying their faces and edges. Look out for 3D shapes around the house and see if your child can name any of them.



## Housekeeping

We are sending the PE kits home today. Please check that your child has everything in it that they need as sometimes clothes can get mixed up when they are getting changed.

We have lots of lost property, including jumpers and cardigans, so if you are missing something please let us know. Often the name has washed off over time and we cannot find who it belongs to, so if you are missing anything please talk to a member of the year 1 team.

## Dates for your Diary

Thursday 22nd May - last day of term

Friday 23rd May Teacher training day—school closed

Monday 2nd June - beginning of term

Tuesday 17th June - Year 1 Sports Day 2pm

Thursday 26th June - 'Meet the Teachers' for Year 2, 9am

Tuesday 1st July—New to Year 2, informal drop-in 3.30-5pm

Year 1 trip to The Glasshouse to take part in 'The Big Sing for Mini Singers' on Tuesday 1st July.

Summer Fair Friday 4th July



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