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# Classroom News

*Avondale*  
Primary School



## Spring 1

Happy New Year! We hope that you have had a lovely Christmas break. May we take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and for all the lovely gifts and cards you sent in. We look forward to watching your children's independence and learning continue to blossom and grow in Year 1.

## Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 15th January – 6J Class  
Assembly

Thursday 16th January – 1S Class  
Assembly

Wednesday 29th January – 3L Class  
Assembly

Thursday 6th February – Reception Class  
Assembly

Wednesday 12th February – 6C Class  
Assembly

Thursday 13th February – Parents'  
Evening (1:30pm finish)

Friday 14th February – School Closes for  
half term at 3.15pm



## Friendly Reminders

Please ensure that your child has their reading book in school at all times.

Reading is the main priority for homework. Please ensure that your child reads at least 5 times a week and that their reading record is signed each time. Please ensure you are practising the books in short bursts regularly to ensure they sound fluent. We are really emphasising this skill in Guided Reading and are trying to make our reading 'sound good.'

P.E days this half term are Tuesday and Wednesday. Please ensure that your child has their FULL PE kit in school at ALL times and that they remove any jewellery on those days.

# What we are studying

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## Reading

This half term, we will be looking at both fiction and non-fiction texts that link with our topic learning. We are developing our skills in fluency and trying to make our reading as interesting as possible. It is important that all children bring their reading book in to school on a daily basis. The children will get the opportunity to change their library books weekly.

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## English

In English, we are focusing on handwriting and writing skills. We want to perfect simple sentence structures using Colourful Semantics to support our knowledge of what a sentence should include. Much of our writing will be based around our class novels such as 'George and the Dragon' and 'Katie in London'.

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## Maths

In Maths, we will continue to embed our addition and subtraction knowledge. We will be looking at numbers to 20 including addition, subtraction and number bonds. We will be continuing to learn our x10 and x5 times tables.



## Foundation Subjects

This half term, our topic is 'Bright Lights, Big City'. The topic will focus heavily on the countries within the United Kingdom including capital cities, famous landmarks, human and physical features and cultural values. In Science, we will be learning all about different types of animals. In D.T, we will be tasting a range of dips and making and evaluating our own dips. Our PSHE topic will be Dreams and Goals and our P.E units are gymnastics and target games. We can't wait to jump right into our new topic and learn lots of new things!