



ROCKLIFFE MANOR  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

**Year 1 Class Information: Spring 1**

**Teachers: Mrs Aliaj**

**TAs: Miss Jones, Mrs Foord and Miss Davidson**

**School value:**

Our school value for this half term is **RESPECT**. Circle time sessions will give the children the chance to explore our value.

**Welcome Back!**

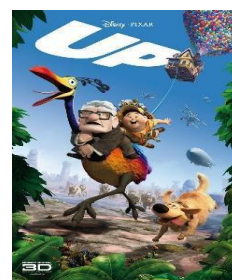
I hope you all had a lovely break and are ready to get stuck in with the term ahead! We are excited for the term ahead as we know there is lots of great learning ahead of us.

If you wish to speak to me, please do catch me at the beginning/end of the day or book an appointment to see me with the school office. You can also contact me via email. My email address is:

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**Year 1's learning this half term:**

During this half term, the learning in year 1 will be based around the global theme of 'Social Justice and Equity', with a focus on links between the local community and intergenerational relationships. Over the course of the term, the children will be showing an awareness of people's emotions, including feelings about changes in their own life and locality. The children will learn about respecting and valuing other people's opinions and they will learn that everyone has equal rights.



**English:** In English, this half term Year 1 will be watching the film 'Up'. The children will explore emotions and feelings. Up is about friendships across different generations and how respect is formed and earned. It is about the choices that are made and how they impact on those around. The children will start off by watching a clip from the movie and will write a paragraph about that section using suspense. After this the children will write a narrative about part of the film. They will use exciting, descriptive vocabulary as well as using time connectives.

**Maths:** In Maths, this half term Year 1 will learn about the place value of number to 20. They will be building on their prior learning by adding and subtracting numbers through partitioning using the whole-part model, the bar model as well as a number line. The children will deepen their understanding of addition and subtraction by applying their knowledge to solve word problems.

**Science:** Our science topic this half term is, 'Plants'. In this topic the children will develop core scientific knowledge and skills. The children will be investigating the growth of a plant by growing their own within class. They will discover what plants need to survive, identify features of plants and the life cycle of a seed.



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**History:** The history topic in Year 1 will be based around the topic 'Intergenerational Relationships'. The children will form relationships with local residents in the nursing home and enrich their learning from their experiences. They will develop their historical enquiry skills by investigating what toys different generations played with in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century.

**Art:** In art we will be using different techniques to weave using different materials. We will start off by sketching a balloon linked to our English learning journey, then we will begin to explore how to weave in different ways. We will use different materials to weave with creating a variety of balloons which will then be collated together to create the journey that Carl and Russell made in the film 'Up'. The inspiration artist the children will find out about is Leonid Afremov who used lots of colour to create shadows. He also explored different emotions through the use of colour.

**PE:** Over the half term, Year 1 will be learning to catch, send and receive balls with their partner to further develop their motor skills. The children will also be participating in Gymnastics every Friday.

**RE:** Our RE focus this half term is Hinduism. Throughout the term we will be focusing on important features of the temple and that one god is represented in many forms. We will be learning about some of the stories that are shared and what the significance is of them. We hope to visit a Hindu temple even if it is a virtual visit

**Reading**

We will do reading practice sessions **every day**. The children will work in an adult led group, reading books at the right level for them.

The children will change their home reading books on **Friday**. Children will be given the same book as they are reading in school so that they can apply their phonic knowledge to read with fluency.

Please try to read with your child every day at home for ten minutes. Please feel free to give feedback about how they got on, or the difficulty level of the banded reading book. We appreciate all parental feedback.

**General Information**

**PE:** PE will take place every Thursday. Please make sure the children bring their PE kit in on that day and they will get changed in class. They should have suitable clothing and footwear for both indoor and outdoor PE. Due to the cold weather children and according to the schools PE uniform policy children are allowed to wear blue tracksuit bottoms. Please can we also make sure we are adhering to the PE uniform policy re shoes and uniform.

**Water bottles:** Please ensure your child brings a clean, suitable water bottle into class with their name on.



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**Key dates for your diary:**