



# CLASS 3 | 4 | 5

## Key Stage 1 Phase Newsletter: Looking ahead to Spring 1

### Dringhouses Discovery Curriculum - What will we be learning about?

This half term our learning project is called "Iceberg Ahead!" We will learn about the history of the famous Titanic, the polar habitat and all about the animals that live there and how they have adapted to survive.

#### Things you need to know

#### Phase Dates

**Homework:** Homework will be uploaded to Tapestry every Monday and we would appreciate it being completed and uploaded by the following Monday.

**Trips/workshops:**  
Divergent Drama – Titanic workshops – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January.

**Reading books:** Please read your child's reading book with them as often as possible, ideally daily. Books are changed regularly.

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Throughout the day each class will take part in a workshop which will culminate in a key stage performance for families to come in and watch at 2:30pm in the hall.

We would like to invite 1 parent/carer to join us in classes on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February so that children can share with you what they have been learning about this half term. This will run from 8:35 – 9am.

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PE	Friday Please come dressed in PE kit.	Thursday Please come dressed in PE kit.	Tuesday Please come dressed in PE kit.
Library Day	Monday	Monday	Wednesday

## Information/Dates for the School

**Special mention:** This happens every Friday at 2:40pm. If your child is nominated, you will find out on the Monday before the assembly.

Monday 8th January 2024 - Inset day

Tuesday 9th January 2024 - School opens

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2024 – KS1 Titanic Drama Workshops with a performance for families at 2:30pm.

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January – NSPCC Number Day

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February – Families of neuro-diverse children drop in, 8:30-9:30am

Friday 9th February 2024 - School closes

Monday 19th February 2024 - School opens

### Reminders:

- Please ensure that all of your children's uniform, PE kits and coats are clearly named. We have already had a considerable amount of lost property accumulated over the last term because of a lack of names in items. Not only will this have a financial implication for yourselves but it also has an environmental impact too as not all charity shops are taking uniform so it ends up going to landfill. Any unnamed items left in classrooms/cloakrooms will be taken to the lost property store that is in the disabled toilet near the hall. This can be accessed after school via the main entrance.
- There are still a lot of children wearing lace up shoes/boots in Key Stage One who are unable to tie them themselves. This can result in distractions when learning and occasional accidents. Please ensure that the shoes that your child is wearing are suitable and safe for school.
- Reading regularly, ideally daily, is crucial to a child's success in Key Stage 1. Being able to read fluently, decode unknown words using their phonetic knowledge and discuss what they have written not only supports them in their English learning but across the entire curriculum. Please hear your child read and then share how they have got on in their reading record. If you have any questions about reading at home or need any further support please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher.