



Year 1 News

A newsletter for Dusky Dolphins and Spinner Dolphins

Spring Term 2025

Welcome back!
We hope you all had a
wonderful Christmas and
we wish you a
Happy New Year!

For information on what we will be learning
as part of our 'On the Move' topic, please see
the curriculum pages of our website.

[https://www.stnicolasmary.w-
sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=Curriculum&pid=35](https://www.stnicolasmary.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=Curriculum&pid=35)

Home School Link Worker

Should you have any concerns
about your child and would
like someone to talk things
through (e.g. friendship
issues, behaviour, routines,
toileting), our Home School
Link Worker is available to
provide support. Mrs Collins
can be contacted via the
school office or by emailing:
homeschoollink@stnm.org.uk



YOUR CHILD COULD WIN A BOOK!

Please remember to tick the
reading diary after they have
read. When they have 10 ticks,
they get a lucky book token!

SPRING CLEANING?

We would be very grateful
for unwanted toys you wish
to donate which relate to:
vehicles/garages, small
people, castles, knights,
princesses/royalty, dragons
and or any outdoor play
equipment.

Please speak to your child's
class teacher before bringing
in to school.

Please remember to play
Teach you monster to
read.

Please also check google
classrooms on a Friday
afternoon for any new
posts/ home learning.

It is **vital** that your
child reads a little
every day at home.
This underpins all
learning and reinforces
their understanding of
letters and sounds. It is
wonderful that so many
parents are coming in
to read. Thank you! 😊

Please check that you
have **labelled** all your
child's school clothes.
This saves teachers a lot
of time and stops items
from getting lost!

Library

We are very much
looking forward to our
library trip on
Wednesday 22nd
January. Please
contact the office if
you would like to help
on this trip.



Our topics for this term



History & Geography

Locating London and it's landmarks
4 countries of the United Kingdom
Capital cities and surrounding seas

Where chocolate is from and the journey it makes
Similarities and difference between the UK and Africa

Art and Design

Using paints and other techniques to create a night scene
Designing a chocolate wrapper
African art

Maths

Developing mental strategies
Addition and subtraction
Measurement- length and height
-weight and volume

As much as possible we will link our maths to our topic

On the Move

Science

Seasonal change
Plants
Materials

Music

Playing tuned and untuned percussion
Music from other cultures

Digital Literacy and Computing

We will be learning how to give instructions and write programs to direct battery operated toys
We will be continuing to use word processing and the internet
Safe use of the internet

PSHE

Self awareness and self-esteem
Getting on with family and friends
What helps us to stay healthy
What is the same and different about us?

PE (Physical Education)

Dance – exploring movements and creating our own sequences
Gymnastics – pushing, pulling, balancing and stretching
Target games

English

Creative writing linked to the Naughty Bus
Poetry
Information texts
Stories from a range of cultures
Stories with predictable and patterned language

RE (Religious Education)

Big questions
Spirited poetry
The Easter story

DT (Design Technology)

Designing and making chocolate bars and their packaging