

## Dates

'Electricity Man' - 14th January

Trip to Castleton Caves - 27th January

1SC and 1W to Chancet Woods - 2nd February

1P to Chancet Woods - 3rd February

**Please remember to send warm clothes and appropriate footwear for the trip to the woods**

Half Term 13th - 21st February



# Year One



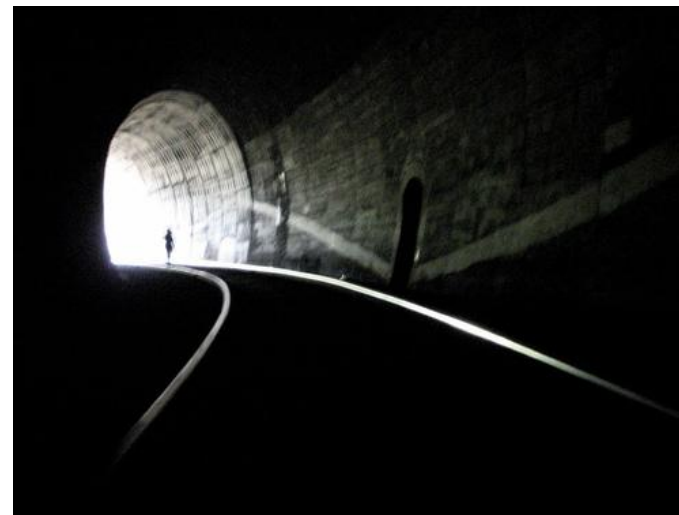
## Winter Weather!

We have already had lots of snow which the children love to play in at playtimes. However, it is really important that the children stay as warm as possible. It would be helpful if children could bring changes of shoes or wellies for going outside as well as hats, gloves and scarves. These can be

kept in a carrier bag on their pegs.

## Wellies still required!

If you have any old children's wellies or waterproofs, please donate them for outdoor activities, thank you.



# Newsletter

Spring Term 1 2010



We would like to thank you all once again for all of your help and support. We are really pleased with the progress that children have made so far in Y1 and look forward to a fantastic 2010!

**Year 1 Staff**

Dear Parents and Friends,

This half term we are exploring the Dark in our 'Holes and Tunnels' topic. We will also continue to visit Chancet Woods regularly to learn about changing environments!

All key stage one classes will continue to offer Wednesday afternoon drop in sessions from 3-3.30pm, feel free to drop in and see what the children have been up to.

## Topic - Holes and Tunnels

This half term we are learning about light and dark in our 'Holes and Tunnels' topic. We will explore where light comes from and why we need light to see. Children will be visited by an electricity expert from the University, make electric circuits and use torches to explore in the dark. We will make Kaleidoscopes, stained glass windows and use other materials to find out which show up best in the dark. It would be fantastic if you could look for different light sources at home and talk to your child about how it feels to be in the dark. If you have a torch that you would like your child to bring in to show the class that would be brilliant.



**We would appreciate any empty 'Pringles' cartons or kitchen roll tubes for making Kaleidoscopes!**

## Trip to Castleton



We will be visiting Castleton for a whole day on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January, We will leave school promptly at 9am and travel by coach to Castleton. Half of the day will be spent visiting Speedwell Cavern and the other half spent in

Peak Cavern. We will return to school for 3pm. This will be a fantastic opportunity for children to experience what it is like to be in a real cave.

For more information about the caves visit [www.speedwellcavern.co.uk](http://www.speedwellcavern.co.uk).



## English

We are learning to write Instructions and will link this to our topic work on electricity and making circuits. We will soon be moving on to writing recounts and will use these writing skills to write recounts of our visits to Chancet Woods and the Caves at Castleton!

You could help your child at home by continuing to read as much as possible and asking them to predict what will happen next in a story. We will also continue to assess children on which key words they know and send home lists of which they need to practice at home.

## Maths



We will be continuing to develop children's counting and number skills including use of addition and subtraction as well as introducing problem solving skills. We will develop the language used to describe shapes and link this to number facts.

Please practice recognising different coins and adding these together as well as telling the time at home.

## SEAL (Social Emotional Aspects of Learning)

Our SEAL topics this term is Going for Goals. Children will explore their strengths as well as setting targets for development. We will also be using Individual Target Cards for Writing to help children improve their writing skills.

