



Year One Summer Newsletter

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Welcome back to a new school term! We hope that you all had an enjoyable and relaxing Easter break. As the children move through their final term in Year 1, there is an emphasis on more formal learning in preparation for Year 2. There are, of course, still plenty of opportunities for the children to play, work in the areas and develop their own self-initiated activities, as well as lots of practical learning. We hope that you enjoy the term as much as we plan to.

Maths

This term we will be focusing on key areas of Mathematics to ensure the children have a secure foundation for future learning.

We will consolidate understanding of place value and numbers up to 100.

This will be through counting and applying skills developed in our number work during the previous two terms.

Our priority is developing number fact fluency within 20.

Other areas of focus include fractions; exploring halves and quarters and money; recognising and counting coins and notes.

Reading Books

Reading books have been issued and are to be read daily at home. Children are expected to read at least three times a week at home and will be changed on a Tuesday and a Friday.

Please ensure you support reading at home as we have found it really helps the children. We also have weekly guided reading sessions focussing on comprehension of shared stories.

Phonics and English

The children will continue to develop their phonic knowledge by recalling a wider range of sounds to read familiar and 'alien' words in preparation for the phonics screening in June. We will be focusing heavily on applying sounds to read longer words, breaking words into syllables and supporting the children to build reading fluency. They will be encouraged to apply these skills in their spelling and extended writing work. The children also continue to learn to read and write common exception words which do not follow regular phonic patterns. We will use key books as stimuli for our reading comprehension and writing including 'The Kings Hats' and fact books about dinosaurs. During the writing process, our priority is writing independent sentences. We will be working on consolidating our knowledge of basic sentence structure and then progressing onto developing sentences using and, but, when, if as well as exclamation marks and question marks.

RE

We continue to follow the RE scheme, 'Come and See'. The three topics that the children will be learning about this term are: - Holidays & Holy days. - Being Sorry - Neighbours. We will begin looking at

Pentecost then explore reconciliation and showing forgiveness. Finally, we will look at the universal Church; how we can be a good neighbour and share God's world. During our Islam World Faith Week, we will learn about stories that are special for Muslims.

Mental Health and Wellbeing

We will continue with regular well-being activities to help the children's emotional, social and physical development. PHSE is at the heart of our teaching, with daily teaching of relationships, friendships and managing feelings. Alongside this, we will learn healthy lifestyles and living in the wider world; looking after the environment and understanding money.

Science

The Science topics to be covered this term are 'Materials' and 'Magnet and Forces'. Investigation is a key area of development, and the children will use their knowledge to develop their skills and understanding.

Geography

After half term Our Geography focus is 'Where I live'. We will be identifying familiar places in our local area, recognising basic map skills, and using simple compass directions.

History

This term, we will focus on 'George Stephenson'. We will look at the important part George Stephenson played in building the railways.

Computing

Using Purple Mash, we will learn about, what it means and how to build instructions. We will learn how to use a simple spreadsheet and encourage children to consider how technology is used outside of the school environment. Online safety is taught as part of the curriculum.

Art & DT

Our lovely topics allow us lots of opportunity for artistic activities including drawing, painting, sculpting as well as collage and model-making. The children will have the opportunity to draw portraits and explore paint, colour, pattern, and texture.

PE

PE lessons will be on Monday afternoon and Wednesday afternoon. Your child should have a full PE kit in school, which we will send home at the end of each half term. Our unit of work is Athletics, focusing on running at different speeds and jumping in different ways with increasing control. The children will also learn various net and wall games as well as developing their teamwork skills.

Homework

Reading needs to be practised daily.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you
for your continued support.
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