

Year One - summer half term 2 - June/July 2024

Dear parents / carers,

We look forward to this final half term in Year One. Our lead subjects are English: trains, Science: everyday materials and Geography: Our school locality. All children in Year One will complete the national phonics screening check during the second week of this half term. Please help your child practise their phonics sounds and reading of longer words in the lead up to this. Homework will be provided to support you with this. We have lots of exciting events and activities to look forward to over the next half term to enhance the children's learning in school.

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Global Neighbours - Neighbours are all around us, locally and globally. We will learn about the Creation story, that everyone is a neighbour and God loves us all. This unit of work is strongly linked with the work of CAFOD.

Islam: We welcome in a visitor to teach us about their faith.

English

Stories with Familiar Settings (How to train a train by Jason E. Carter)

- Make predictions based on what has been read.
- Make basic inferences about what is being said and done in a text.
- Use 'joining words' to link ideas - and, but, so, or.
- Orally compose every sentence before writing.
- Use correct sentence punctuation - capital letter and full stop.
- Use familiar plots for structuring the opening, middle and end of their stories.
- Re-read every sentence to check it makes sense.
- Read aloud their writing to adults and peers.

Information texts: (Trains)

- Recall specific information in non-fiction texts
- Read aloud books closely matched to their phonic knowledge, with increasing fluency
- Activate prior knowledge about trains
- Demonstrate understanding of texts by answering questions.
- Design their own information leaflet about trains.
- **Poetry: R.L Stevenson: From a railway carriage)**
- Listen to a range of poems/rhymes about trains
- Recognise and join in with language patterns and repetition
- Recite poems by heart

Spelling & grammar

- Learn spelling patterns: kn words, ending in -ve, plurals ending in -es, words containing wh, words with syllables, eg pocket
- Read and spell Y1 common exception words

Maths

Fractions: *finding a half and quarters of a shape, object and quantity.*

Position and direction: *describe position, make $\frac{1}{4}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ turns*

Place Value to 100: count from 50 - 100, partition numbers into tens & ones, more than/ less than, compare any two numbers.

Money: recognising coins and notes; counting in coins

Time: language - before & after; dates; tell the time to the hour and half hour

Reading books will be changed on Monday and Thursday. Please remember to submit/upload your child's reading record onto Seesaw as regularly as possible, as it indicates whether or not your child has read.

Check Seesaw for new spellings and other homework that is sent home.

PE will continue to take place on Thursdays, with children dressed in their PE kits/ sports clothes on that day. Black shorts / leggings, a white t-shirt and their school jumper. No hoodies, please. Mr Hodge will be delivering some of this half term's PE to the Y1 class.

Please check that uniforms are clearly labelled for the remainder of the term, as the children often take their jumpers and coats off during playtimes now. We have had 2 unclaimed cardigans and a jumper in class for some time with no names in, that are now in the lost property box in the main entrance. Please ensure your child brings a coat to school every day in case of rain.

With just seven weeks left in Year One, we will be preparing the children for their move into Year 2. We arrange a 'move up' session so that they can spend some time in their new class, later on in the term. We have a lot of work to do to ensure that each child achieves their full potential. Please keep up the support in reading, writing and maths at home - it is very much appreciated and is a vital partnership between home and school.

School reports will be sent home during the penultimate week of term advising you of your child's successes and achievements. The phonics screening check results will be included in the report. If you have any questions about the above information, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Other information:

- Mrs. Cahalin will teach Monday - Thursday
- Mrs. Singleton will teach every Friday
- Mrs. Garrett will teach the class on Wednesday afternoons to cover PPA time (Art & Computing)
- Children are welcome to bring in any certificates/trophies that have been awarded to them outside of school, to share in our whole school celebration assembly on a Friday afternoon.
- Homework - Spellings, reading, phonics (sent by individual phonics teachers) via Seesaw.
- Healthy snacks or toast during morning break.
- Fruit is provided daily by school during afternoon break.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs N Cahalin and Mrs Singleton