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Year 1 summer 1 newsletter

Welcome back to a new half term. Please make sure that you arrive to school on time. School starts at 8:45 and we begin our learning straight away.

English

Reading, phonics and writing

This term, we will be using two texts, 'The rhythm in the rain' & 'Mrs. Noah's garden'. The children will be using the texts to write a set of instructions for how to plant seeds and a non-chronological information report about sea creatures. They will be building on their skills using adjectives, full stops, capital letters and using the conjunction 'and'. These are the expectations for the end of Year 1 so it is very important that the children practise these skills regularly.

In phonics, we will continue to look at alternative graphemes for sounds that we have been learning. The children will be practising their tricky words daily. Children will continue to read 3 times a week in a small group with an adult. Children will take two books home every Friday. At home, it is expected that your child reads as often as possible to help build up their fluency. Your child will also take home a story book for you to read to them. This will help them with their story language and enjoyment.

In June, the children will all be completing a phonics screening check. The letter that you received at parents' evening gives you more information about this.

Maths

In maths, the children will begin to look at multiplication and division. The children will practise counting in 2s, 5s and 10s forwards and backwards, share objects into equal groups. We will then move on to looking at fractions. The children will look at finding $\frac{1}{2}$ of an object, $\frac{1}{2}$ of an amount, $\frac{1}{4}$ of an amount and $\frac{1}{4}$ of an object. This is all brand-new learning for the children. Each week their maths homework will link to what we have learnt that week.

Geography

The topic for the first three weeks of the half-term is 'What is the weather like in the UK?'. The children will look at the different seasons, how the weather is in the UK and the capital cities of the UK. The children will look at different maps and be able to identify



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Science

Our science topic will be all about 'Plants'. The children will look at how plants grow and what plants need. The children will experience how to plant seeds and how to look after them. They will also be able to identify deciduous and evergreen trees.

DT

Each week over this half-term, we will be developing our DT skills. The children will be looking at food technology. Over the 6 weeks, the children will explore different fruits, different cutting techniques and the final outcome will be a fruit smoothie that they will make and drink.

P.E

P.E is on a **Wednesday and Thursday.**

Please ensure your child has the correct kit (yellow polo shirt and black shorts/jogging bottoms/leggings) including footwear (trainers/pumps). Some of our lessons this half-term are outside so jogging bottoms or leggings would be more suitable. Pupils without the correct kit will not be able to take part on health and safety grounds.

Please put your child's name on everything so that it does not get lost!

Homework

Homework will be **set every Friday.**

It will be required by the next Friday. The children will have a weekly phonics homework looking at what they have learnt that week and a maths homework that develops their understanding from that week. It is important that the children read their phonics book frequently. Please sign the yellow book and return your child's book bag weekly.

Trips for the remainder of the year

Blackpool Zoo

- 1 Blue- Monday 13th May
- 1 Red - Tuesday 14th May
- 1 Green – Thursday 16th May

RHS Bridgewater

- 1 Blue- Monday 24th June
- 1 Red - Tuesday 25th June
- 1 Green – Monday 1st July

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to come and speak to us, Year 1.