

Year 1 Newsletter



Class teachers: Mrs Cork, Mrs Amelia and Mrs Franks

Other staff: Mrs Munday and Mrs Smith

Welcome Back! We hope you had an enjoyable Easter break. Our main theme for Term 5 is Plants and Term 6 is Seaside. Please see the Curriculum Map for more detail. Please do not hesitate to ask any questions you may have. We are really looking forward to another busy and exciting term with the children.

Our Day:

8:50 – Register and morning work
 9:10 -9:50 - Lesson 1 English or Maths
 10:00-10:30 - Collective Worship and Guided Reading
 10:30 -10.45 – Playtime
 10:45 -11:40 Lesson 2 - English or Maths
 11:40 -12:00 - Phonics
 12:00 – 1:15 – Lunchtime
 1.15 – 1.30 Register and story
 1:30 – 2:45 Other curriculum subjects
 2:45 – 3:15 – Story and prepare for home time

PE Days:

This term we will have PE on Mondays and Thursdays. Please ensure your child has the appropriate kit and it is **clearly named**. Trainers with Velcro are preferred, especially for PE outside. Until the weather gets warmer, it would be useful for your child to have a pair of track suit bottoms for outdoor PE.

Playtimes and Outside Learning

Whatever the weather, we want your child to be prepared for learning opportunities and playing outside. Please ensure they have a suitable waterproof jacket in school daily. Also it would be helpful to have a pair of wellies which they can keep in school.

Phonics

Daily Phonics will be taught for 20 mins to develop their speaking and listening, reading and writing skills. The children will learn to blend and segment real and nonsense words in preparation for the National Year 1 Screening. It is important that the children are encouraged to apply these skills when reading and writing too. A useful website for supporting your child with Phonics is www.phonicsplay.co.uk

Reading

We will be continuing to record reading for Buster's Book Club, in addition we will be keeping a chart of all home reading (as in Years 2 to 6). This is to encourage all children to read frequently at home. To help with this, please can you make sure that you are writing in the reading record whenever you read with your child. We are working hard to develop the children's comprehension skills in reading. When reading with your child, please ask lots of questions about the story, characters, alternative vocabulary. See the blue Reading Record for ideas of questions.

Special Events for our class in Term 5 and 6:

St George's Day Parade
 9.30am – 23rd March

Tea Party for Senior Citizens –
 March 23rd

Fair Trade Day – 11th May

Maths Day – 23rd May

Languages Day – 15th June

Year 1 Trip to Samphire Hoe –
 5th July

Home learning

Every child will have a Home Learning book which will be sent home on a regular basis. At the start of this term, there will be a series of optional activities for your child to complete. In addition, some key facts which we expect your child to know by the end of term will be stuck into the Home Learning book. This term there will be three compulsory tasks, which will come home on a Friday and will be due in the next Wednesday.