

Year 1

Summer Term 1 Newsletter



What your child will be learning this term:

Curriculum

DT- Fruit Salads

Geography- Where in the world does our food come from?

Computing- Animation: Using Pivot

RE – Christianity- Why are Churches important places?

Science - Plants

PE – Dance and Games

Music – Storytime and our bodies

PSHE – Relationships

Numeracy – This half term children will be continuing to work on subtraction skills and counting backwards. Children will be applying these skills to problems and using money. Year 1 will also be comparing weights and beginning to measure different weights.

Literacy–

This half term we have two main units. Firstly children will be reading Simon Bartlett books 'Man on the Moon' and 'Dougal's Deep Sea Diary'. During this unit we will be writing our own stories and diaries whilst working on using 'and' as a conjunction to extend and join sentences. Year 1 will then have a 2 week unit looking at 'Handa's Surprise' which links to our Geography topic.

Year 1 will have a WOW day on **Wednesday 3rd May**. Children can come dressed up under the water themed for the day.

Farm to Fork Visit- Monday 24th April

Tesco's in Ashford are coming to visit Year 1 on Monday 24th April in support of our Geography topic and children will be having a workshop with them.



Parents Phonics Meeting- Tuesday 2nd May

On Tuesday 2nd May there will be a meeting for Year 1 parents about the Year 1 Phonics Screening check. This will be at 9.15am in the Infant hall.



Odds Farm- Wednesday 17th May

You will have all received a letter about our trip to Odds Farm on Wednesday 17th May. Please make sure permission slips are handed in and contributions made on Scopay by 2nd May. We are still yet to have many back and still need some volunteers. Your class teacher will speak to you about volunteering if you have offered. If you need another letter, please ask your class teacher who will have spares.

Home Learning

All children should have a book bag in which to carry their reading book/parent comment book, home learning and important letters and notices.

Reading: all children should be bringing home 3 book band books a week. They should read every day with the support of an adult for at least 10 minutes. Please could you write the date, title of the book and your initials to show how much reading your child is doing at home. Children will be changing their books once a week and will be notified which day they will be changing them. We expect the children to be responsible for changing their book and putting the parent comment book in the box provided. Alongside this children will be assigned interactive books on www.activelearnprimary.co.uk. Login details are in their contact books.

The weekly numeracy home learning is also an online activity that follows up class learning that week. It is accessed the same way as the online reading. This will be set on a Thursday to be completed by the following Wednesday. If the homework is paper rather than online there will be a notification in the classroom door window indicating the task.

This term's home learning topic is about 'Where does our food come from' linking to our Geography topic. Children need to choose 5-6 activities from the list to complete.

Supporting your child's learning at home:

There are a number of good, child-friendly websites, including www.topmarks.co.uk which is used frequently in school. This website covers all areas of the curriculum.

Phonics – www.phonicsplay.com This website is extremely useful for supporting your child's reading and phonics skills. In June children in Year 1 nationally take part in a phonics screening check which assess their phonics skills.

Home/School Contact

We ask that you stay in contact on a daily basis through our parent comment books. Please remind your child to hand it in each morning. If you have any queries or concerns, please see your class teacher in the mornings or afternoons or pop a message in their bag with them.

Uniform Expectations

Uniform	
Boys	Girls
Grey trousers or shorts Royal blue sweatshirt White school shirt or polo shirt Black or grey socks	Grey skirt, pinafore or trousers Royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan White school shirt or polo shirt Blue and white school dress in summer Black, grey or white socks or tights
Our school tie is optional Black, wipe clean school shoes that fasten securely with a low heel.	
PE White T-shirt, royal blue shorts, plimsolls or trainers. A tracksuit may be worn in the winter for outside lessons.	

Please ensure all uniform including P.E kit is **named**. Mislaidd items can then quickly be returned. No jewellery, including earrings, should be worn to school except for religious reasons. Please write to the headteacher if you wish to request this.

All children with long hair should wear their hair tied back with plain blue, black, brown hair accessories. Please leave all pretty hair accessories for home wear – thank you.

PE

Hedgehogs: Tuesday Morning and Wednesday Afternoon

Squirrels: Monday Morning and Wednesday Afternoon.

Please ensure that your child's PE Kit is in school from Monday to Friday each week, as there may be some changes to timetables.



Water Bottles

Tests have shown that regular access to water is essential for good learning. Water bottles can be purchased from the school office or you can bring one of your own in. Children should NOT bring juice or squash in. **PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD BRINGS IN A WATER BOTTLE EVERY DAY.**

Attendance

If your child is to achieve and fulfill their potential, they must be in school on time everyday.

Your child's target for attendance is 95%.