

Year 1 Summer Term 2021

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the last term of Year 1! Where has the year gone? I can't believe how much the children are growing and maturing, they are truly wonderful. Everyone has come back to school after the Easter break full of beans (and chocolate no doubt!) and are very excited about the term ahead. Our tadpole visitors are thriving and have started to grow legs! We have already planted sunflowers and have begun our new topic, 'Under the Sea'. What a great start with a great class.

Detailed below are the areas we are covering this term and suggestion of how you can help at home. The National Curriculum objectives are also available on the school website.

Subject	Information	How you can help
English	<p>This term, English will cover a range of texts including fiction and non-fiction with cross-curricular links to our topic work on 'Under the Sea'. We have begun the term by finding out about Jacques Cousteau that has been fascinating. We will also be working on reading for research, finding out about plastic pollution in the seas. We will be covering a wide variety of genre throughout the term, from instruction writing to story writing and poetry...</p> <p>Children will continue to receive daily phonics sessions in carefully differentiated groups. Every child will have an extended creative writing session on a Friday. They will also continue to read on a 1-2-1 basis as well as in groups and as a whole class.</p>	<p>Please listen to your child read as often as possible and ask questions about the text as this really makes a difference to their learning.</p> <p>Help them to practice any sounds they have learnt in Phonics and ensure your child completes any homework set.</p>
Maths	<p>During this term, we are consolidating what we already know and extending our number knowledge to larger numbers and using the inverse to check answers. We are following great criteria set across the school, to really embed place value and understanding of core concepts. We will be reinforcing mental maths enabling children to confidently work out calculations in their head and focusing more on word problems as well as revisiting and extending our knowledge of units of measures, time and fractions through other subjects too. Forest school gives us lots of opportunity for practical maths and we will be using our skills in science too.</p>	<p>Please ensure your child completes homework set each week as this will help secure their knowledge.</p> <p>Any practical activities, allowing children to use their skills in the 'real world'.</p> <p>The homework each Friday will link to what we have been doing in class each week.</p>

Science	<p>We will continue to look at the 'Seasons' Spring and Summer (when it makes up its mind!) identifying the changes that occur. We will also be studying plants, how they grow and what they need. We will also study animals, identifying and naming them and classifying carnivores, herbivores and omnivores.</p> <p>The children are really keen to plant lots of flowers and veggies! If you have seeds/cuttings/plants and pots that you would be happy to donate, we would be very grateful. I think they are hoping for a market stall outside the classroom!</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Discuss with your child different seasons and the changes. -Together look at any animal books. -Whilst gardening identify different parts of plants and what they do.
Topic	<p>This term, we are learning about 'Under the Sea' We will be using atlas' and maps to locate the different oceans and continents in the world and the looking at the effect of being near the equator. We will have already studied the life of Jacques Cousteau and we will be finding out about different habitats within the oceans. Our art, music and DT will be linked to our topic.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Discuss with your child about any countries you have been to and the oceans/continents they are in. -Read together any books about creatures in the oceans. -Discuss with your child what they have been learning in class.
Computing	<p>This term, Mrs George will be teaching computing on a Monday afternoon. She will continue to focus on online safety and be able to follow links to different websites as well as saving and retrieving our work. We will continue to use the bee bots to program them and begin using algorithms to make something happen on computer software.</p>	<p>If your child has access to a computer using the mouse to control objects and any word processing would be beneficial.</p>
PE	<p>Carl from Kits will continue to deliver PE sessions on a Monday afternoon and will be covering a range of games skills. We will continue PE on a Thursday afternoon also, these times will have a dance focus this half term, and athletics skills after the holidays.</p>	<p>Please make sure your child has an appropriate PE kit in school for these sessions.</p>
RE	<p>In RE, we are looking at the topics of 'What it means to belong to a faith community' and 'God'. We have begun by looking at 'belonging' and what this means. We will read parables and discuss their meaning. To link with our topic, we will be working on the story of Jonah and the Whale.</p>	<p>Discuss learning at home, allowing time for reflection.</p>
Music	<p>During music sessions, we will be exploring different instruments and choosing sounds that accompany different pieces. We will also be changing the tempo and identify the effects.</p>	<p>Sing the songs at home and listen and discuss different styles of music and instruments suggesting instruments that accompany different pieces.</p>
PSHE	<p>In these lessons with Mrs Maffey, we will be looking at 'safety with medicines', 'keeping our body healthy' and 'People who help us'. There will be a lot of opportunities for drama activities and for children to discuss how we stay healthy and safe.</p>	<p>Any discussions with your child about what we have been talking about in class.</p>

Reading books will continue to be handed in on a Friday to be sent back out on a Monday. Choose a 'book for fun' to read over the weekend. Please ensure all books are in school daily. The children will also receive homework on a Friday too. Look out for a homework project later in the term.

Thank you all for your continued support, it is so appreciated. Your children are a credit to you all, they are fantastic and I am going to enjoy every minute with them before they fly to Year 2!

Please don't hesitate to get in touch with any queries, worries or concerns you or your child may have, you know where I am!

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