

YEAR 1 SUMMER 1

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER 2023

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back after the holidays. I hope you had a lovely Easter and enjoyed spending time with your family.

As usual, we have a busy half term ahead of us and lots of exciting learning planned for the children. Please mark the date in your diary for our next class assembly, **Friday 19th May 2023 at 9.15am**. We can't wait to share our learning with you again.

In English, the children will be looking at some books and poems linked to our science topic of plants. We will be writing instructions for growing a plant. The children will also look at the book 'A Squash and Squeeze' by Julia Donaldson and will explore writing character and setting descriptions.

We will continue to focus on improving the children's phonics and spelling skills, as well as continuing to develop their handwriting and ensuring their letters start and finish in the correct place.

Year One will continue to have their spelling test every Friday. The list of spellings for the half term will be sent home in the first week back. Please continue to practise your child's spellings with them each week as this supports them hugely with their reading, writing and phonics. The spellings for this term will contain the sounds they have learnt during our phonics sessions since January and will also help them prepare for the Phonics Screening Check.

We will continue to have weekly guided reading sessions; the children will also have opportunities to do shared reading and independent reading. During teacher focus groups, children will continue to develop their skill of answering a range of questions using a range of different skills such as retrieval and inference. They will also continue to develop their ability to retell, understand and discuss plots and characters. Please continue to work on this aspect of reading at home.

In maths, we will be looking at multiplication and division. The children will be developing their understanding of multiplication by counting in equal groups, using apparatus to support their calculations. The children will then apply this knowledge as they then move on to division where they will learn to share objects and numbers into equal groups. During this half term, we will begin to learn our 2, 5 and 10 timetables. Please continue to encourage the children to use 'Hit the button' which is an interactive maths games with quick fire questions on number bonds, timetables, doubling and halving. This game will challenge and develop the children's mental maths skill and will sharpen their recall of vital number facts in a fun way.

To find out more about the other curriculum areas we will be studying this half term, please visit our website to see our knowledge organisers.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Many thanks,

Mr M Waddington
Year 1 Class Teacher

Important Days

Monday

Reading books to be changed.

Thursday & Friday

PE lesson (come in PE kit).

Friday

Spelling Test.

Important Dates

Monday 24th April
Alice In Wonderland

Monday 1st May
Bank Holiday

Friday 5th May
Coronation Picnic

Monday 8th May
Bank Holiday

Friday 19th May
Year 1 Class Assembly

Sunday 21st May
Family Mass
11.00am

Sunday 21st May
PTA Family Fun Day

Thursday 25th May
Pentecost Picnic

Thursday 25th May
School Closes

Friday 26th May
Training Day