

# YEAR 1 SUMMER 1

## CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER 2024

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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, **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 9.05am**. 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 write a setting description. 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 these spellings each week as this supports your child 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.

In geography, we are going to learn all about Horsforth during a local study. We will start off by looking at the features of our school grounds before we embark on some fieldwork in the local area.

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 Waddington*

Mr M Waddington  
Year 1 Class Teacher

### Important Days

#### Monday

Reading books to be changed.

#### Monday & Wednesday

PE - Athletics  
(Please come in PE kit).

#### Friday

Spelling Test.

### Important Dates

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April  
9.05am Year 1 Class Assembly

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April  
9.05am Open the Book

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April  
Class Photos

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May  
9am Year 1 Open Classroom

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May  
9.30am Whole School Mass  
(Led by Year 4).

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May  
Bring a flower for Mary.

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May  
11.15am Family Mass

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May  
Pentecost Picnic

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May  
School closes

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May  
Training Day