

Year 1 Newsletters – Summer Term

What a year it has been! We are so impressed with the hard work and effort each child has put into their learning. We have seen some impressive progress all around. Highlights of the year include, class rewards, curriculum days, inviting our adults in, a trip to the library, the explorer dome and a trip to Solent Skies. We have made some wonderful memories! Summer term will see us working more in the shelter and outdoor area.

English- The summer term brings some new and exciting texts to read. We will be reading our stories and writing a number of texts including our own version of a story and a set of instructions.



Reading: We will continue with our reading sessions as we have done since September, following the same format of our 3 sessions a week- **decoding (beginning to read the words for the first time), prosody (learning to read with expression) and comprehension (understanding what they have read).** Our reading is closely linked to our Phonics sessions. At the end of each phonics block, we will assess the children and then match them with a book based on their ability. These books may stay the same for a while or they may change regularly. Please speak to us if you have any questions. Books are due in on a Thursday where they will be swapped for their new text. We will also spend Thursday afternoons visiting the library which has had a lovely make over!

Phonics: We will begin the term by revisiting the sounds we started learning in autumn and spring. This will help to prepare us for our Phonics Screening Check which will take place the week **Monday 8th June.** The phonics screening check is a short assessment for Year 1 children in England to evaluate their ability to decode words using phonics. Results will be sent home with your child's end of year report.

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Maths: In Maths this term, we will be building on our current knowledge of numbers up to 50 to count and practice operations – addition and subtraction - all the way to the number 100! Then, we will introduce two new operations, multiplication and division. Finally, we will apply all of our arithmetic skills in practical contexts: using money and measuring volume and capacity.

Science: This term we will be building on some of our previous learning. We will start by learning about groups of animals and what makes an animal part of the group it belongs to. We will then move on to look at the human body and the correct names for some of our external and internal body parts. The

History- This term our History will see us studying the lives of significant individuals in the past who have contributed to national and international achievements. We will take a specific look at the suffragettes and learn about Rosa Parks and Emily Davison.



Geography- Our topic focus this half term is 'continents and oceans'. We will be asking the question 'What can we find out about the world?'. As part of this unit we will be looking at oceans, rivers and mountains and finishing by looking at where the UK is in the world.

Computing – In Computing we will be working with word processors. We will become familiar with keys on a keyboard and type text, producing word documents.

PE- This term our focus will see us preparing for our summer sports day. This includes looking at a range of skills including jumping, throwing, and running.

ART- Our focus this term will be printing. We will be looking at the American artist, Karen Lederer. We will be exploring her style of printing and will create our own piece of artwork based on her style.



DT- We will learn about a variety of fruits and vegetables and where they come, so that we can design and make our own delicious and nutritious smoothies. Another activity will involve basic fabric joining skills and design as we will be making colourful puppets.

RE- This half term our topic is 'Images of God'. As part of this unit, we will explore what people think about when they hear the word God. We will then look at places people can go if they want to think about God. This unit will help us to explore different religions and their places of worship for

Music- In music our unit theme is "Under the Sea". We will be learning basic musical symbols and continuing our work on rhythm and tempo.