

YEAR 1 NEWSLETTER SUMMER TERM 2017



Dear Parents/Carers

Books

Please make sure that the children have their book folder in school every day. Books will be changed on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The home link book is used for the parents/carers to record what book they are reading that night. It would be helpful if you could make a comment in the home link book on your child's reading. You can also use the book to communicate with the Year 1 staff.

Homework

The children's Brain Builder homework will be sent out on Friday and they have until the following Thursday to hand it in. Please continue to help your child with this homework. However it is important that the children do their own writing. The homework will cover the different aspects of work we are covering that week so you will be able to find out what your child is learning. A list of spelling words will be sent each half term to practise at home.

PE Kit

Children need a P.E. kit and trainers in school every week. The kit is a white T-shirt, navy shorts and a pair of trainers and socks. PE will be on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. Please make sure all clothing is **named** and that their trainers fit properly.

This term the children will be covering the following areas of the curriculum:

English

We will be reading fairy tales and writing our own versions. The children will also read a variety of texts including poems. We will be learning about information writing. We will continue to practise handwriting and letter formation as well as phonics and spelling.

Maths

We will be continuing to learn about numbers and will be counting and ordering numbers to 100 and higher. We will continue to practise addition, subtraction and place value (tens and ones) and some multiplication too. We will be problem solving with money, shapes and measures. We will be learning to recognise 2D and 3D shapes.

Science

We will be learning about plants and growing plants in the classroom. Our new topic will be materials. We will be learning about where materials come from, how they are used and why. We will do experiments to test materials for their strength, warmth and water resistance.

History

We will be learning about homes from the past to the present. We will compare houses, furniture, appliances and toys from the past to the present. Children will be invited to bring in old things of interest for show and tell.

I.C.T

We will be introducing coding. This is basics of computer programming. We will also continue to use computers to support other subjects such as science and art.

Art/DT

There will be lots of exciting Art and DT this term. We will be making puppets. We will be making a variety of toys such as kites, spinning tops, paper dolls and more. We will be continuing to try different media (paint, collage, crayons) and will be looking at the work of different artists.

P.E

We will be developing gymnastics skills as well as continuing our dance programme. Mr Raw will be taking the children for sports activities. They will be outside unless it is wet.

R.E

We are investigating different religions this term as well as teaching respect for all religions. We will be looking at how religions are celebrated in homes.

PSHE

We will continue to develop self-esteem and responsibility. We will be learning to share and take turns. We will also look at how to develop a healthy and safe life-style. We will be learning to set personal goals and thinking about how we might achieve them.

Your continued support is much appreciated. As always, we are available if you have any concerns. Please see us after school to discuss a mutually convenient time.

We are planning a history trip to Chiltern Open Air Museum as well as some shorter trips within the local area. Your support with these will be greatly appreciated too.

Mr Huckerby

Miss Herbert