

Year 1 Summer Term Newsletter

Welcome back to the Summer term.



Upcoming Events

Literacy: This term, we will be reading 'Handa's Surprise' and will be describing the setting using adjectives, metaphors and similes. The children will also write their own non-fiction books about arthropods, with a focus on a factual style of writing, labels and captions. Towards the end of the first term, the children will be learning about castles and writing for different purposes. The children will be exploring a range of poems, searching for rhyming words and alliteration. They will also write their own poems with a focus on using adjectives. Towards the end of the Summer term, the children will be reading a range of traditional tales, comparing the settings, events and characters of each. They will then plan, write, and edit their own traditional tale.

Maths: This term we will be revising counting in 2s, 5s, and 10s when counting large amounts. The children will be encouraged to use these skills to solve simple, multiplication word problems. We will once again revisit solving division word problems, drawing pictures to help us solve them. The children will be measuring in centimetres and weighing various classroom objects. As always, we will continue adding and subtracting, both mentally and using written methods. We will also apply these same skills when working with money.

Geography: This term, we are learning about the weather in England and will compare the weather we experience to the weather in contrasting countries. We will link what we have learnt about seasonal change to the changes in weather and will also discuss how typical, seasonal patterns are changing and why this may be. We will also be looking at what we can do to take care of our planet.

History: This term, we are learning about the lives of Queen Elizabeth I, Queen Victoria and Queen Elizabeth II. We will learn about what their lives were like during these periods of time and their greatest achievements. We will compare these three time periods and find out if there are any similarities between them. We will also explore the biggest changes throughout these periods of time.

RE: This half term, the children will be learning about Judaism. They will learn about the celebrations of Hanukkah and Shabbat and its' significance to Jewish people. We will also draw comparisons between the Jewish and Christian faith with regards to celebrations and the significance of particular days of the week.

Science: This term, the children will be learning about the seasons of Spring and Summer. They will be observing, discussing and recording the changes they find in relation to plants, animals and the weather. Towards the end of the term, the children will be learning about different materials, drawing comparisons between them and their uses, as well as planning and conducting investigations.

Reminders

Summer 1 half term begins: Monday 17th April 2023

Monday 1st May 2023: Bank Holiday

Thursday 4th May 2023: King Charles' Coronation Celebration Day (children to dress as a King or Queen, street-party clothing or wear red, white and blue)

Friday 19th May 2023: Year 1 class assembly

Half term holiday: Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June 2023

INSET day: Monday 5th June 2023

Summer 2 half term begins: Tuesday 6th June 2023

Friday 17th June: Marvelous Men (male family members invited into class for the morning)

Summer 2 half term ends: Friday 21st July 2023 (early finish)

INSET day: Monday 4th September 2023

Autumn 1 half term begins: Tuesday 5th September 2023

Our PE days are Monday and Wednesday. Please provide your child with jogging bottoms/shorts, a house-coloured t-shirt, a sweatshirt and trainers. Please make sure all items are named.

When you read at home with your child, please make a note of it in their yellow, reading record. Please let us know if your child has finished their book so we can provide them with a new one.

On Monday, the reading books are brought back to school. On Tuesday, new books are handed out. On Thursday, the reading books are handed back in. On Friday, new books are handed out for the weekend.

Homework is handed out every Friday and due back in on the following Wednesday. Please ensure that your child's spelling book is kept in their homework folder so that we can record their scores for you.

We encourage the children to drink water throughout the day so please send them to school with a water bottle.

Art: This half term, we will explore the work of many different artists and the way in which they used colour in their work. We will be exploring the work of: Mondrian, Rothko, Klee, Pollock and Kandinsky and creating artwork in the style of these artists. The children will also use the skills they have learnt, to sketch and paint arthropods, as well as the African grasslands, silhouettes, castles, and Queens.

DT: This term, the children will be building their own castle. They will have the opportunity to plan and label their design, as well as make their castle. The children will draw on the skills they have learnt throughout the unit, to help them construct their homes (cutting, folding, rolling, gluing, taping, adjusting.....)