

Excalibur Primary School

Year One Newsletter

Summer 2026

Dear year one parents/carers,

A warm welcome back to summer term!

We are thoroughly looking forward to introducing our new subject themes and have lots of exciting activities planned for the term.

We plan to spend the first half term discovering all about the historical heroine ...

Grace Darling



We will find out about her life and how she was declared a heroine for risking her life to save others at sea.

During science lessons, we will be beginning our 'Plants' topic and then moving on to look at the changes in seasons as we move from spring to summer.

Spellings

The children will continue to learn a selection of spellings each week. Please offer your children lots of short opportunities to practise these spellings. Copying each spelling twice is helpful, but is unlikely to make them 'stick'. We will also spend time practising these spellings in class and they will be checked on a Friday.

In Maths, we will continue to use the White Rose resources, to support our learning, as we multiply and divide (using arrays and the concept of equal groups), explore place value (numbers within 50 then 100), revisit telling the time and use simple fractions.

In Geography, we will compare life in China to that in the UK. This will also provide an opportunity to explore some traditional Chinese stories including 'The Magic Paintbrush'.

During D&T, the children will design and create a pull-along-toy. We will explore the ideal shape for a wheel, methods of joining materials and evaluating and improving a product.

Please do come and ask if you have any questions. We are always happy to help! 😊

Miss Taylor, Mrs Thompson and Mrs McCormick

As always, please continue to support your child with their reading. Alongside the Read Write Inc books, continue to instill a love of reading by sharing books together.

We will continue to visit the school library when we get the chance and the children will be given the opportunity to select a book to bring home and share with you if they bring one into school to exchange.



Phonics Screening

Phonics Screening Check is due to take place the week beginning 8th June.

An information meeting is being planned to give parents/carers further information (TBC).

The children are used to having their phonics knowledge checked so it is important to avoid any extra pressure. A few early nights and a bit of extra practice via Seesaw will be perfect preparation!