



Year 1 Newsletter

Summer Term

Welcome back!

We hope that you have had a lovely Easter break and are enjoying the lighter nights and (slightly) warmer weather. I cannot quite believe that we are about to embark on our final term in Year 1! This year really has flown by and I am incredibly proud of all of the efforts and achievements of the children and how much they have all developed and grown. They really have grown up so much! During our final term, reading and phonics continue to be central to all of our learning particularly as we look towards preparing the children for moving into Year 2.

We are hoping to give our outdoor space a revamp now the better weather is upon us. If you have any plants, pots, or garden tools that you no longer need or any donations that you would like to make to help us, we would be very grateful.

Best wishes, Mrs Sharrock and the Year 1 Team :)

Key Dates

Week beginning 11th May—

Mental Health Awareness Week

1st May – Spring Term House Winners

Celebration

18th—22nd May—Sports Week

19th May—Sports Day

Reading

Your child will read at least twice a week. One of these will be a teacher led, group Guided Reading session and the other will be 1:1 reading. Please ensure your child has their books in school every day and try to read at least x4 each week at home. Your child's reading book will link to their learning in phonics and they will also have a tricky word book mark in their planner. Please support them in learning how to read and spell these words.

We will continue to run Class Library every Friday. We want these books to be enjoyed by all of our children and their families so please could we ask that they are handled with care at home and that they are not kept at for more than two weeks.

PE Reminders

Our P.E. days for this half term will be **Wednesday** and **Friday**. Your child will require an indoor kit which should include pumps and not trainers for both sessions. Earrings are not to be worn for PE and should be removed. If your child cannot remove their own earrings please take them out before they come to school. Please ensure all items of PE kit and school uniform are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Water bottles also need to be in school every day.

Keep up to date...

Please keep checking our class webpage for blogs and updates. Photographs of key events and celebrations will be shared via a group conversation on School Spider.

ENGLISH

In English we are going to begin the half term by sharing and writing our own riddles. We'll then be using the text *Grandad's Island* as a focus for our learning. As we look towards moving into Year 2 we'll be working on ensuring our sentence structure is secure and that we are able to use some conjunctions along with a variety of adjectives.

MATHS

In Maths we will begin our first units on multiplication and division. The children will be required to be confident in counting in groups of 2s, 5s and 10s as they will further develop these skills as they are introduced to the times and divide symbol. We will also be working on fractions and finding $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$ s.

SCIENCE

Our Science unit is based on Materials and we will be spending time identifying different materials and their properties. We will be taking part in some exciting investigations as we explore materials that float and sink and those that are magnetic or none magnetic.

Our Curriculum Overview

COMPUTING

In computing we will be using data to create and interpret our very own spreadsheets.

GEOGRAPHY

We will be finding out about seashores and comparing them to where we live. We'll also be investigating what lives in rock pools and finding out how to protect the seaside from pollution.

D.T.

This half term our topic is all about fruits and vegetables. We will be identifying different fruits and vegetables before designing and creating our own healthy recipes.

P.S.H.E

Our P.S.H.E unit for this half term is 'Being our Best' and within the unit we'll be finding out about healthy diet and lifestyle choices and how to bring out the best in ourselves.

Home Learning

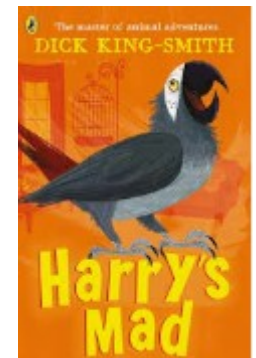
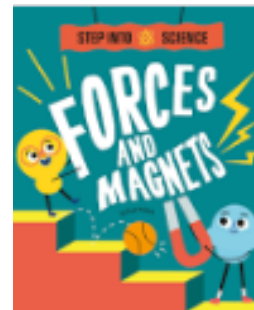
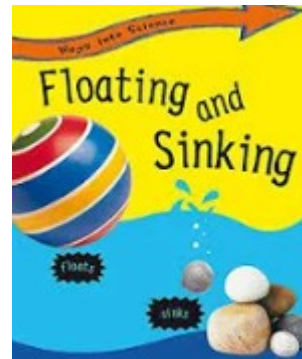
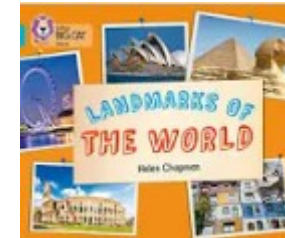
English & Maths

Practising counting in groups of 2s, 5s and 10s will be very beneficial as we start to work on multiplication and division. Please help your children to know their left and their right to support their learning on position and direction. We will also be completing a unit on fractions so supporting them in finding/cutting items into $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$ s would help them greatly with their work in this area.

Phonics/Spelling

Phonics sessions will continue to take place daily in school and spellings will come home each Friday to recap the sounds taught in school that week. As we look towards the statutory phonics screening check which all children working within age related expectations will take in the summer term, some children may bring home additional phonics tasks. These may include flash cards, games or nonsense words to support the children in their recognition of sounds and their segmenting and blending skills. Children will also continue to bring home regular phonics newsletters, please use these to support their learning at home. Learning to read and spell our tricky words is incredibly important before we move in to Year 2 so please support your child in learning theirs. They are in the back of their planner.

To further support independent reading for pleasure, take a look at the suggestions below that are linked to specific topics and authors we are focusing on this half term:



Our class author in Year 1 is Dick King Smith. Each term we will focus on a text of his that we will share as our class novel. This term our class novel is Harry's Mad.

Online Resources

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/counting>

<http://phonicsplay.co.uk>