



Year 1 Newsletter

Summer Term

Welcome back!

We hope that you have had a lovely half term holiday and are ready and raring to go for your final half term in Year 1. This year has absolutely flown by, and I cannot believe we only have 7 and a half weeks left together! Luckily, we still have lots of exciting learning opportunities to enjoy and more wonderful memories to make together. Reading and Phonics will continue to be central to all of our learning particularly as we look towards preparing the children for moving into Year 2. Later in the half term, all of the children will also get to spend time with their new teacher in their new classroom as part of their transition into Year 2. We understand that some children and families may start to feel anxious or nervous about the impending change but please be assured that your child will be fully supported throughout their transition process. Please do not hesitate to ask if you would like any further discussions around this.

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

Key Dates

8th-12th June, Year 1 Statutory Phonics
Screening Check Week

18th June—Sports Day

22nd –26th June—Careers Week

24th June—Panathlon event (selected children)

29th June—Transition Day

10th July—Summer Fair

22nd July—School closes for summer

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.

During this half term we will be opening our newly stocked and refurbished School Library. The children will have a weekly slot to access the library and the wonderful range of books that it has to offer. It will run in the same way as our class library as the children will have the opportunity to borrow a book to take home and enjoy, then they will return it the following week and choose a new one.

Our library day will continue to be on a Friday.

PE Reminders

Our P.E. days for this half term will be **Wednesday** and **Friday**. We are hopeful that PE will take place outside this half term so alongside their usual PE kit, please send trainers and suitable outdoor wear (trackies, leggings, hoodie).

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.

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 the text *The Café at The Edge of The Woods* by Mikey Please. We will be continuing our work on full sentences and using conjunctions to extend our ideas, along with using adjectives to describe mythical creatures and magical foods.

MATHS

In Maths we will begin our first unit on fractions as we will be finding $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$ s of shapes and numbers. We will also be extending our place value skills as we will be working on numbers from 50-100. We will also be recapping our knowledge of the days of the week and the months of the year as part of our time unit, before moving on to telling the time to the hour and the half hour.

SCIENCE

Our Science unit is based on Plants. We will learn to identify and describe the basic structure of a variety of common flowering plants including trees and also identify and name a variety of common wild and garden plants including deciduous and evergreen.

Our Curriculum Overview

MUSIC

Our Music unit is 'Having Fun With Improvisation'. We will be learning how to stay in time and keep a steady beat and creating our own tunes and vocal patterns through improvisation.

GEOGRAPHY

In Geography we will be looking at our 'Where we live' unit of work as we find out about our local area. We will identify where we live within the United Kingdom by using maps and Google Earth. We will also look at local land use.

D.T.

This half term our unit of work is called 'Flying Kites' which will require the children to research different kites before designing, making and evaluating their own.

R.E.

Our R.E. unit gives us the opportunity to find out, 'What does it mean to belong to a faith community?' as we explore the religions of Christianity, Islam and Judaism.

Home Learning

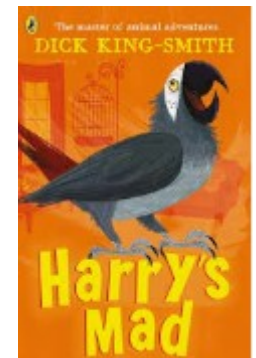
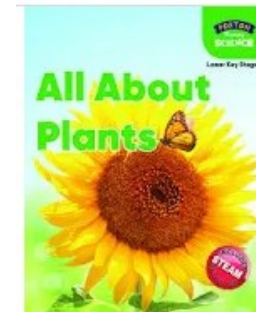
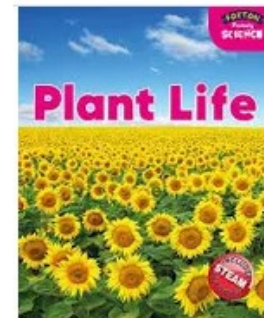
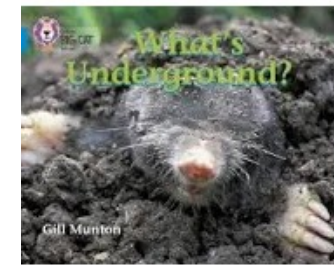
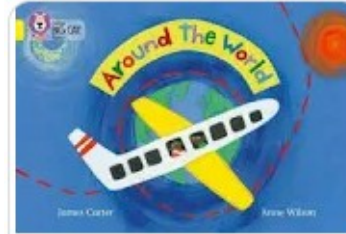
English & Maths

Please help your child to learn the days of the week and the months of the year in order. Talking about time at home and supporting your child in telling the time to the hour and the half hour would be incredibly beneficial. To support their learning in money, helping them to recognise coins and allowing them to use coins would help them greatly. Counting 2ps, 5ps and 10ps in groups would also support their times tables. When your child moves into Year 2, they may start to join their handwriting. Please support them in ensuring their letters are formed correctly and are of uniform size in readiness for this.

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. Children will 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>