



Year 1 Newsletter – Summer 1 2024

Dear families,

The purpose of this newsletter is to provide you with information and reminders which we hope you and your child will find useful.

In our year group this term we will have the following adults;

Rose – Mr Lambourne

Foxglove – Miss Robinson

Snowdrop – Miss Garner (Year Lead)

Harebell – Miss Kearns

We also have the following TAs who will be supporting across the year group; Mrs Wright, Miss Maltese, Miss Gorham, Ms James, Mrs Dobrowolska and Mrs Hodgman who is our Lead TA.

Our PE coach will be Mr Powell and Mr Brady. Miss Tahara, Miss Hubbard and Mrs Fulford – Foy will also be teaching some lessons.

Maths

In Maths this half term, we will be learning about money, with children learning to recognise the coins and notes that we use. We will be learning more about the time and the months of the year. We will also be learning about fractions and how to split shapes and amounts into halves and quarters.

English

Our focus is;

Reading

Our key books are- Freddie and the Fairy, The house that Jack built and the works poems. We will also be looking at a variety of non-fiction books.

- using decoding skills to read sentences accurately.
- using inference skills to answer 'how' and 'why' questions and justify the actions of characters.
- reading and understanding common exception words as part of a sentence or text.

Writing

- Constructing and writing sentences.
- Using contractions
- Using similes to add detail and interest to their writing.
- Using conjunctions to add additional information to sentences.
- Editing sentences to fix spelling and punctuation mistakes.
- Using these features in the contexts of recounts, diary entries and stories.



Phonics

In RWI we will be continuing to focus on the decoding, blending and segmenting of words to support children's development in reading and spelling. Children are set into ability groups across Year 1.

Our focus this half term will be preparing the children for our Phonics screening checks we will be doing boosters throughout the day to support the children with their sounds.

Remember to read your RWI e-book on the Oxford Owl website.

Library

As per our new reading approach we will be visiting the school library every week. This is a great opportunity for children to choose their own books they want to read with you at home. Year 1's day for the library is a **Friday**, please ensure your child has their library book with them every Friday so they can change it.

Science

In Science, the children are learning about plants. As part of this we will learn about different types of plants and looking at their basic structure along with looking at the role of each part. We will be looking at what plants need to grow and use this to help us grow our own seeds.

Geography

In Geography, the children will be learning about the continents and oceans of the world. We will be exploring the flora, fauna, climates and cultures of different continents.

Art

In Art, the children will be learning about architectural features and designs, creating technical drawings and investigating and exploring how architecture has changed throughout time.

P.E.

In PE, the children will be developing their health and fitness through gymnastics and developing throwing, catching and batting skills in cricket.

PE will take place twice a week and on the following days:

Rose – Thursday (Indoor) Monday (Outside)

Foxglove – Thursday (Indoor) Monday (Outside)

Snowdrop – Wednesday (Indoor) Thursday (Outside)

Harebell – Wednesday (Indoor) Thursday (Outside)

Information regarding PE kit can be found on the year group page of the website. Please ensure your child has PE kit appropriate for outdoor PE during the Winter and early Spring months. We also ask children either take earrings out for their PE days or bring in earring tape so we can cover them before the lesson.



PSHE/RE

In PSHE, we are looking at the importance of relationships by focusing on what makes someone special to us. In RE, we are moving onto looking at Judaism and their beliefs with a particular focus on Shabbat.

Music

In music, we will be working on our performing skills by looking at concepts like timbre.

Computing

In computing we will be looking at developing the children's ICT skills by beginning to learn about word processing software. The children will be learning to type simple words and sentences.

Water Bottles

Please ensure your child has a named water bottle (containing only water) with them every day. It is important for children to stay hydrated as part of their general well-being.

Wellbeing

We go outside in all weathers and the weather is getting brighter please ensure that children come to school with a sun hat and a rain coat in case it rains. Please be aware sun glasses are only permitted for children with prescription glasses. To support staff with finding misplaced items, please ensure that all coats, hats and jumpers taken into school are clearly named.

We look forward to another amazing half term in Year 1!

Yours sincerely,

Year 1, Class teachers