

Year 1 Newsletter: Summer 1



Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back to Summer 1. We hope that you have all had an enjoyable break. The children have been working really hard and especially impressed us during our 'Science Investigation week'. We would like to give you a brief outline of the work your child will be covering this half term. We are focusing most of our work around our chosen English book – Class Two at the Zoo.

Maths

Number: Place Value – Children count forwards and backwards within 50. Children build on previous learning of numbers to 20. They learn about grouping in 10s and their understanding of 1 ten being equal to 10 ones is reinforced.

Number: Multiplication and Division - Children build on their previous knowledge of counting in multiples of 2s, 5s and 10s going up to numbers to 50+.

Number: Fractions - Children explore finding a half for the first time using shapes and sets of objects. They will use the vocabulary 'half and 'whole'.

English

Children will be looking at a range of poetry books. They will be matching rhyming words and completing rhyming couplets. We will look at similes and alliteration linked to the animals found in our English topic book. Part of our poetry unit will be spent looking at and solving simple riddles.

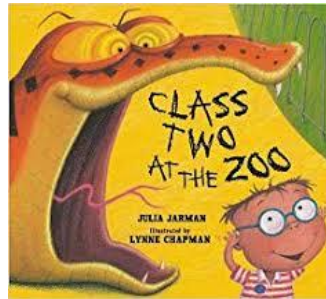
Children will continue to develop their cursive handwriting through our handwriting scheme 'Penpals'. Children will be reading 1:1 with an adult in class weekly and Guided Reading will be taught as a whole class.

PE

This half term we will be practising our athletic skills in the build up to sports day. Children will take part in a variety of races for their school house and the overall winners will be named on the big day!

PSHE

This half term we will look at the importance of keeping safe and the importance of knowing who to ask for help. Children will learn about personal safety and how to keep others safe.



Science

Plants- Evergreen and Flowering

Children will investigate and compare flowering and evergreen plants. They will be able to recognise and name the different parts of a plant. Children will understand what a plant needs to grow and use this to help grow their own sunflower, measuring its height over time. They will plan out their own fair test in order to find out which are the best conditions needed for a plant to grow.

Geography

Children will be learning about life on an island. They will look at significant places on a map, and compare the similarities and differences between an island and our locality. Children will identify the weather pattern in a UK location.

Art

This half term the children will be learning about the famous artist Wassily Kandinsky. They will also learn about colour mixing using paint and the colour wheel.

Computing

This half term we will be introducing the children to data and information. Children will begin label objects and sort them into groups. Children will then answer questions about the data.

Our Place in Our World.

Children will begin to understand their Place in the World starting at their front door. They will learn about the towns, cities and countries in which they belong to.

Aspiring Entrepreneurs

In PE, children will be encouraged to face challenges with a growth mindset and resilience focusing on taking part in team games. They will work together to solve problems within an ethos of positive competition.

Healthy and Happy Living

Children will learn the importance of keeping their bodies healthy by identifying what types of things we put into our bodies and how these make us feel.

Inquisitive Investigators

As Inquisitive Investigators, we will be conducting our own investigations comparing flowering and evergreen plants. We will look at what a plant needs to grow and help this to grow our own flower.

Important information to remember:

- All classes in Year 1 will now have their PE lesson on a **Wednesday**. Please send your child to school in their PE kit. Lessons will take place outside where possible now the weather is improving, so please ensure that the children come to school in the appropriate kit and trainers on this day.
- Year 1s allocated day for returning book bags is a **Thursday**. Please bring your child's book bag in on that day so that we can take out their previous reading books and send home their next set of reading books on the Friday. We now also visit the school library on **Thursday**, so any child with a book bag in school will be given the opportunity to borrow a book from the school library to be returned the following week.
- Please ensure that your child brings a water bottle every day clearly labelled with their name.
- Please continue to practise your child's weekly spellings and big maths facts. We will test the children every Friday and send home the results that they achieve. We would also like your child to practise their number bonds to 10 and 20. They need to know them off by heart as well as knowing the related subtraction facts.

Thank you for your continued support
Miss Charlton, Miss Palmer & Miss Fawcett