



## Year 1 Newsletter: Summer 2

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back to a warmer and brighter half term. We hope you had an enjoyable break! We would like to give you a brief outline of the work your child will be covering this half term.

### Maths

- **Number: Place Value**– Children will count to and across 100, forwards and backwards, beginning with 0 or 1, or from a given number. They will read and write numbers from 1-100 in numerals and words and count in multiples of 2s, 5s and 10s.
- **Measure: Money** – Children will recognise the value of different denominations of coins and notes. They will compare and count money efficiently.
- **Time** - Children will recognise and use language relating to dates, including days of the week, weeks, months and years. They will begin to tell the time to the hour and half past the hour and draw the hands on a clock face to show these times. We will compare, describe and solve practical problems for time.

### English

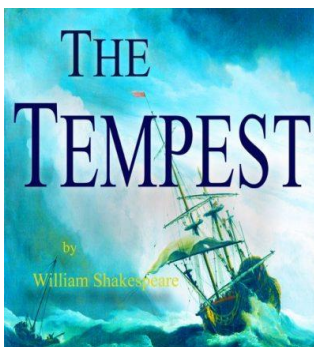
We will focus our work around William Shakespeares 'The Tempest'. Children will use drama techniques to engage with the curriculum by exploring a variety of settings and characters. They will explore empathy and dilemmas and use drama to bring the story and characters to life! This will provide the children a wealth of creative ideas for their independent writing. 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.

### DT

Children will complete a taste test of fruit to identify which flavours they prefer for their fruit kebab design. They will then make their fruit kebab and evaluate it.

### Music

The children will be combining voices, movement and instruments to perform a chant and a song. They will learn to keep a steady beat on an instrument and perform word rhythms with movement.



### Science 'Awe and Wonder'

Each week we will be carrying out different science experiments which explore a range of scientific aspects. Air resistance, chemical reactions and liquid bonds are just some of the experiments we will be doing. It is going to be great fun whilst leaning all about new area of science we have not explored before!

### History

Children will be learning about the life of the heroine Grace Darling. We will be recounting Graces rescue and learning why she is still remembered today. We will be delving into how she shaped the lives of many people around the world.

### Computing

This half term, children will be learning about programming through Scratch Jr. They will use program blocks to use, modify and create programs.

### PSHE

In PSHE children will learn about where money comes from and will begin to understand about making choices when spending money.

### PE

The children will be learning and more advanced throwing and catching skills through games.

### 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 through awe and wonder exploring a range of different experiments.

### Important information & Dates to remember:

- Our Year 1 Phonics Screening Test will take place the week commencing **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June**. If you have a planned holiday for this week please let your childs teacher know so they can make alternative arrangements for your child to take the test.
- Our PE lessons will continue to take place every **Wednesday**. Please send your child to school in their PE kit. Lessons will take place outside where possible 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 childs 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 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.

Thank you for your continued support, Miss Charlton, Miss Palmer and Miss Fawcett ☺