

Year 1 Newsletter – Summer Term 1



Dear Parents/Carers:

We hope you had a lovely Easter Break. We are sure the children will return full of enthusiasm for the next half term! We have said our goodbyes to Tam, and we welcome Eliza back to join us from her maternity leave!

Key information:

- Spelling tests will remain on Mondays – if there is a Bank holiday they have been moved to a Tuesday. Please also practice from the Year 1 high-frequency spellings
- PE lessons continue to be on Fridays and your child should come to school on this day wearing their PE kit.

The following is an overview of what your child will be taught in the first half of the Summer term. Please do have a look at our learning chronology for further detail.

Our big question for Summer Term is '**How Can a Person Make a Difference?**' We will be making links to this throughout our teaching, and we encourage you to have discussions around this topic at home too!

In **English**, we will begin by reading 'The Treasure of Pirate Frank' which is a wonderful hook for our history topic on seafarers. For this unit children will write a set of instructions on how to find Pirate Frank's treasure. After this, we will be reading 'The Lonely Beast' and writing adverts for a friend – using question marks and lots of adjectives. Finally, before the half term finishes, we will read, 'Where the Wild Things Are' in which we will look at descriptions of character and setting and then write a letter. We will continue this after the half term holiday.

In our **Maths** focus this half-term, we will be finishing our work on measure by looking at capacity before moving on to work on multiplication, division, and fractions. We will also be consolidating counting forwards and backwards in 2s, 5s and 10s. To support your child at home, ensure your child can count forwards **and backwards** within 50 and form numbers in the correct direction too! (Many children get stuck counting on from 29 or 39 for example, as well as knowing one less than a multiple of 10 e.g I know that one less than 40 is 39).

Our **History** topic is 'Seafarers'. We will be learning about how boats have been used throughout history with a focus on comparing and contrasting. We will learn about what boats were like in Africa and also about Roman boats and Chinese Junks.

In **Science**, our topic is 'Plants'. We will be learning how to identify and classify different plants. We will be learning the names of different parts of plants. We will also be observing the process of growing beans and describing what happens throughout the term!

In **Computing** we will be beginning to create digital art content using the chrome books.

In **PSHE** we are learning about 'Relationships'. We are discussing different types of families, how to make friends and considering relationships which are most special to us.

In **Music**, we are creating music from 'Patterns'. We will be exploring how we can recreate the sounds of our school using percussion we will also be looking at the use of Beat in the Nutcracker Ballet Suite.

In **PE** we are focussing on Gymnastics. Our unit is called: 'Wide, Narrow and Curled'. We will be learning basic travelling, climbing and balancing actions and to stay still when required.

Our **DT** focus is on understanding where fruits and vegetables grow. We will design and prepare a healthy smoothie to link to our previous PSHE topic on 'Healthy Me'.

Finally, our big question in **Religious Education** this term is: *What does it mean to be a Muslim?* We will be learning about how Islam is followed including sacred texts, places of worship and celebrations.

We are all looking forward to a great summer term. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask a member of the team.

Best wishes,

Miss Bingham, Mrs Laleye and the Year One Team

