

Year 1 Newsletter

Summer Term 2017

Dear Parents

Welcome back from the Easter Break.

We are pleased with the way the children have quickly settled back in and are all looking forward to a busy and exciting, last term in Year 1. This term our theme will be 'Summer at the Seaside'

Please could we ask that PE kits are brought back into school as soon as possible? Children will take parts in PE every week. Weather permitting, lessons will be more outdoors this term. Children will need a red t-shirt, black shorts, jogging bottoms and plimsolls or trainers.

PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE clearly label your child's clothing and other belongings with their name! It is very difficult, and sometimes impossible, to reunite items with the correct owner if they are not named. For P.E. Long hair needs to be tied back and children with earrings will need them taped if they are not to be removed.



This term in Science children will continue with our work on recognising how the weather and environment changes through spring, autumn, winter and summer. We will also conduct more scientific investigations and introduce the concept of a 'fair test'. They will collect and record data using different methods and start to understand how the data can be used to draw conclusions



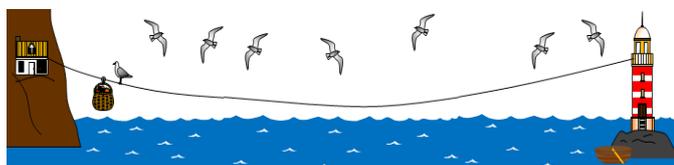
Our Art and Design lessons will involve designing and making a hand puppet using the characters from The Lighthouse Keepers Lunch for inspiration. We will use paint and pastels to create a mixed media seascape.

In Geography lessons this term, we will be looking at British Coastal Towns; describing the typical landscape, townscapes and people. In History, we will look at how British Seaside holidays have changed over the years.

In Literacy, the children will continue with their daily Read, Write Inc phonics sessions which are set at your child's ability. All children are taught how to use their reading, writing and spelling skills to construct their own sentences and respond to a range of stories.

This half term we will use the story of 'The Lighthouse Keepers Lunch' to introduce oral storytelling. Children will be taught to retell the story using actions to help them remember events. **We will be performing the story for parents during our class assembly on Tuesday June 13th at 2.30 p.m.**

We will construct storyboards and use the text to teach a range of writing skills such as sequencing sentences to write short stories, using 'and' to join clauses in a sentence and using the prefix -un e.g. undo, unkind. Each week, children will participate in 'The Big Write' when we will put into practice the skills that have been taught that week.



In Maths, the children will consolidate counting and calculating skills that have been taught this year. They will use these skills to solve addition, subtraction, division and multiplication problems. We will practise counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. We will measure, weigh and look at the capacity of different objects. The children will begin to use their number knowledge and apply this to different word problems and record their workings using a numberline, or pictorial representation.

ICT

We will continue to develop the use of keyboard including a mouse and age related software competently. ICT work will be incorporated into different curriculum areas throughout the term.



This term, our homework will mainly focus on learning to spell Year 1 Key Words. Each child has been assessed and will be given a list of spellings appropriate to their needs.

Please help your child to practise their spellings for 5-10 minutes each day. **Spellings will be given on a TUESDAY and will be tested every MONDAY.**

You can help by encouraging your child to
Look at each word
Cover it
Write it
Check it

Many children will be taking part in group reading sessions rather than reading individually. We hope this will develop their comprehension skills and allow them to read aloud confidently and clearly to their teacher and their peers. It is really important that children still read a **MINIMUM** of 5 times a week at home. Please ensure that your child brings their diary and reading book to school **every day** so we can continue to monitor their reading progress.

We hope this information will be of use to you. Please contact us at any time if you have any concerns.

The Year 1 Team
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