

Class 1 Summer (1) 2017

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you had a lovely Easter holiday. The children have made an excellent start back to the term and have some interesting topics to look forward to. Please read on to find out what we will be learning about this half term and for some reminders.



Literacy



The children will continue to use the Read Write Inc (RWI) programme to learn new letter sounds which they can apply in their daily reading and writing. They will study different genres of writing and also learn new grammatical concepts.

Reading



The children will read during Guided Reading sessions. This involves a group of children, taking turns to read from the same book. It is a great opportunity for children to discuss the story in more detail – improving their comprehension skills and also for children to learn from their peers.

Your child will have an allocated day of the week to read. However, there can be changes to our timetable on some occasions which may mean that your child will be heard on another day. As mentioned at Parent meetings - **please feel free to read books from home or the library as additional practice and note these in the reading record. In addition, the children can also practice reading their high frequency words (inside their reading records and previously distributed).**

*Please keep your child's reading book and reading record in their book bag each day.

Please support your child at home by reading a little each night. 'Little and often' will help make reading more enjoyable for both you and your child. **It is important that your child understands what they are reading so please do spend time asking them questions.**

Maths

Year 1 children will learn: to name and describe common 3D shapes, recognise and know the value of each coin up to £2, find the total of 2 and 3 coins up to 20p, make a given amount using the least number of coins and solving problems and puzzles.

Year 2 children will learn to: identify and describe the properties of common 3D shapes, compare numbers using the < > and = symbols, add and subtract 2 two digit numbers (23+45), solve word problems involving addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

Times tables (Y2)

Year 2 children will continue to have a weekly times table test on a **Monday. Year 1 children will start to learn times tables next half term.** In the meantime you can help support your child by counting in 2's, 5's and 10's.



Homework

The children will continue to receive weekly spellings every **Friday. Spelling tests will also be on a Friday.**

Please spend some time reading and explaining the spelling rules to your child as this will help them gain a fuller understanding.

Thank you for your support.

Y2 SATs

As you are aware the Y2 children will be undertaking their SATs tests **throughout** the month of May. I will continue to give paper based homework each week to help practice learned skills. Please support your child with these tasks.

*Phonics Screening Test (Year 1)



As previously mentioned at Parent consultations, the children will be having a Phonics test in **June**. Please continue to help your child practice by using the booklet of real and alien words and the list of phonics websites provided at the meeting. You may want to do this in place of or alongside your daily reading sessions. Thank you.

Science

Our topic is Plants and seasonal changes.

This will include identifying and naming a variety of common wild and garden plants, identifying and describing the basic structure of flowering plants and describing the conditions which plants need to grow and stay healthy.



Music

The children will use their voices expressively and creatively and play tuned and untuned instruments musically.



RE

We will be learning about Christianity. This will involve ways in which Jesus is special to Christians, looking at events in his life and some of Jesus' friends and the stories he told.



Sport

This half term Class 1 will be swimming at Willowburn on a **Monday** afternoon. **Please ensure your child is dressed in their school sports uniform on this day.** On **Tuesday** afternoons, the PE focus will be on athletics. Please ensure your child brings their school sports uniform to change into on this day.



Gentle reminders

Swimming – Monday

P.E. – Tuesday

Library – Friday

Times tables test – Monday (Y2 children)

Spelling test - Friday

Please ensure that your child has got both their **reading book and reading record** in their book bag each day.

Please ensure that your child brings a **labelled water bottle** to school each day.



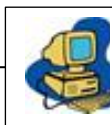
History

This half term we will be focussing on Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole as two significant individuals who contributed to national and international achievements.



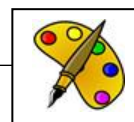
Computing

The children will learn about E-Safety and understand what algorithms are. They will also continue to word process other work across the curriculum, for example, in Literacy.



Art and DT

We will observe and sketch plants in/from the local environment, study the work of artists such as Van Gogh and William Morris. We will also use materials to create collages.



Gentle request- Home time arrangements

I would greatly appreciate it if you could send an updated letter **each half term** detailing regular home time arrangements. For example, if your child needs to be collected on a certain day for a weekly activity which they attend after school.

Having these up-to-date details will help make dismissal times at the end of the day much easier for the children and all staff. Thank you.

Thank you for your continued support.

If I can be of any further help please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mrs Maule