

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you all had a super Easter break. As usual, we like to keep you informed about some of the work that the children will be doing in Year 1 this term.

Year 1 Phonics Screening.

During June, the children will be completing a statutory phonics screening test. We will be sending out an additional letter explaining this process and how you can support your children.

Theme.

The Year 1 Theme this is called 'Ahoy There!' and it has a D&T focus. The new theme has been launched and the children were able to use their prior knowledge about pirates. They also enjoyed dressing up as pirates and participating in a range of activities. During the Theme lessons the children will learn about famous male and female pirates and use their history skills to write an information text. They will also learn about other people who have sailed the sea and how sailors have been kept safe over the years. The children will use their art and D&T skills to create a stormy picture. In addition to this, the children will use their geography skills to make a treasure map and create a simple key. They will identify the UK on a map as well as looking at other major world countries and oceans.



English

English work this term will a focus on both narrative and non-narrative texts, poetry and writing skills. Some of this will be based around a selection of well-known stories and characters, some will be linked to our topic 'Ahoy There!'

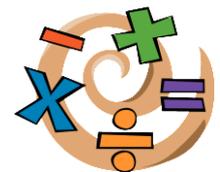


In all our writing children will be expected to demonstrate:

- Using capital letters, full stops, question marks and exclamation marks
- Using adjectives for description
- Beginning to use past and present tense accurately
- Spelling plurals using 's' and 'es' and Year 1 common exception words
- Using conjunctions e.g. and, but, so, because

Mathematics

This term, the children will use their knowledge of counting on or back. We have been practising in steps of 2, 5 and 10 to solve problems. Children will continue to extend their knowledge and use of number facts and number bonds to add and subtract numbers mentally to answer questions. They will also be learning about weight, capacity, time and fractions.



You can help at home by working together with your child to tell the time (to the hour and half past the hour).

Science

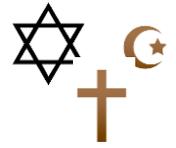
As scientists, the children will focus on the outside environment by looking at plants. They will be looking at what plants need to grow and will learn the names of common plants and plant parts. In addition, they will become apprentice gardeners and learn how to plant seeds and find out what happens when a seed germinates. The children will also be learning about animals, identifying carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. They will also learn how to describe and compare the structure of a variety of common animals.



Throughout the term the children will also observe changes as spring turns to summer.

Religious Education - RE

In RE this term, we will be learning about Christianity, Islam and Judaism. The focus will be on how the different religions show belonging. They will also learn how the Islam and Christian faith welcome new babies and celebrate marriage.



Physical Education - PE

In PE, we will be taking part in 'games' sessions as well as 'Attack and Defence' and athletics. As part of the 'Attack and Defence' sessions, the children will participate in a variety of games. As part of our athletics lessons children will begin to master basic movements such as running, jumping, throwing and catching in preparation for our Sports Day!



Personal, Social and Health Education - PSHE

Relationships

The children will reflect upon what is important to them as well as how this influences their relationships with their family and friends. We will discuss the qualities of friends and how to deal with friendships that go wrong.



Changes

After half term we will be learning about growing up and changes that occur as we get older. We will learn about the stages of life, name the main parts of the body and consider growing both physically and mentally. We will discuss what it means to have a healthy lifestyle and why this is important.

Homework

As usual, reading books will be sent home daily. All children should try and read at home at least three times per week - please could you record this in their reading diary. **You can remind your child that each time they read at home they will get a green ticket.** It is important that reading books are in school every day so that we can hear the children read and change their books when necessary. The high-frequency purple words will continue to be changed each week. Once your child has learned to read their purple words they will concentrate on learning to spell them accurately.



Everyone will have received this term's homework pack which can be completed over the course of the term.

The children will also have this term's POWER project to complete.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Collins, Miss Tidmarsh and Miss Page