



Year 1 Summer Term Newsletter

I hope you had a fun and restful Easter break.

This half term, our value is Dignity and after the half term we will go out with Joy! The children will be learning about these values in class and during collective worship time, thinking about what the words mean, the characteristics of these values and how we can apply and recognise these in our everyday lives.

English and Phonics

English lessons will centre around high quality texts which enable children to practise structuring their sentences correctly and will support their phonetic learning and reading skills. There will be opportunities for children to explore key concepts through drama. We expect all children to read regularly at home and ask that yellow reading diaries "live" in book bags so they can be accessed at school and at home. Please do ensure these are signed regularly by you, and please note that any reading may be recorded in these books, not just the books the children are reading in class. With regards to phonics this term, we are revising Phase 5 phonemes. Also we are learning about alternative pronunciations eg. city which has a 'c' grapheme which makes the 's' phoneme. This is all in readiness for our Phonics check during the first week of June this year.

History and Geography

Our topics this term in History are 'Victorian children at play' and then 'Our United Kingdom heritage (folk stories and castles)'. We are going to do a Victorian day in school on Friday 5th May. Your child will have the opportunity to come to school dressed as a Victorian and to participate in a range of activities linked (further details to follow).

In Geography we will begin to understand that there are similarities and differences between urban and rural settings and to know and understand some simple geographical vocabulary to describe a place and its features.

Maths

In Maths we are learning to read and write numbers to 100 and count them both forwards and backwards. We will also be using our knowledge to solve addition and subtraction problems. We will look at a range of 3D shapes and sort them based on their properties as well as investigate length and height.

Science, Computing and Design and Technology

Our topic in Science this term is Materials. We will be learning about identifying materials and classifying and sorting them. Our second topic is Seasons-observing changes across the 4 seasons and identifying the weather associated with each one. In Computing we will be using logical reasoning to predict the behaviour of simple programs and knowing what algorithms are. For Design and Technology we will build structures, exploring how they can be made stronger, stiffer and more stable.

Homework

Homework will be handed out every Friday and must be handed back in by the following Wednesday. It is important it comes in by Wednesday so we have a chance to reward children for their hard work, identify misconceptions and stick in new homework. If your child is unable to complete the homework one week for any reason, please let us know.

Expressive Arts

Our foci in Art this term is textiles- Using a needle and thread. Sewing with simple running stitch with pre-made holes. We will add detail with felt using a hot glue gun. In drawing- Begin sketching skills, observational work: draw objects or from memory/ imagination. The famous artist that we will be learning about is 'Isabel de Roux (South African)'.

P.E.

On Thursday afternoons, the children will have P.E. Please ensure your child has the correct P.E kit on these days: navy blue shorts/tracksuit bottoms, navy blue/yellow T-shirts and trainers (no plimsoles for outdoor sessions). If girls wear tights to school, please make sure there is a spare pair of socks in their P.E. bag and all kit should be named. P.E is a very important part of the curriculum and it is vital that the children bring in full kit. If your child is unable to access a P.E lesson due to injury or illness, please let us know. At this time of year, the children should have a water bottle and hat in school, and come to school wearing suncream during the hot weather.

Wellbeing

PSHE lessons will focus on thinking about 'Responsibility', 'Friendship', 'Emotions' and 'Fairness'. We will also continue to be in charge of looking after the schools chickens and be doing some craft activities linked to eggs and thinking about where they come from.

And finally...

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to catch me in the playground at the end of the day. If you would like to speak with me more privately, please see the office to arrange an appointment. It is always good to hear from you!
Best wishes,
Year One team

Uniform

Please check ALL items of your child's uniform, including coats and bags are clearly labelled to help your child become more responsible and independent. The school uniform is grey trousers or skirt/dress with a yellow polo shirt and blue Nutfield Church jumper/cardigan. Jewellery should be kept to a minimum for health and safety reasons and shoes should be dark coloured and must be sensible and weather appropriate.

R.E.

Our foci this term will be "Jesus' Parables' and 'Islam' after half term, which will link with our termly school values "Dignity' and 'Joy'. In addition to the daily whole school Collective Worship, we have a weekly phase Collective Worship where we will be extending our learning and understanding of our school values within a Christian community.

Dates

Year One trip to Wisley- 27.4.22
PTFA Bags to School Collection—12.5.22
Year One Victorian day-5.5.22
School Photographer—17.5.22
PTFA School Disco—20.5.22
Biodiversity and Sustainability week-23.5.22
No Ark— 26.5.22 (pm)
No Ark-27.5.22 (pm)
INSET Day - 6.6.22
Sports Day—24.6.22
PTFA Summer Garden Party—25.6.22
Hopathon—29.6.22
INSET Day—1.7.22
Art Exhibition—4.7.22 - 3.30pm-5.30pm
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Reserve Sports Day—8.7.22
Music Concert—12.7.22
Open Evening—14.7.22
No Ark - 21.7.22 (am and pm)
No Ark - 22.7.22 (am and pm)