



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, in class 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 in June.

History and Geography

Our topic this term in History is "Victorian Children at Play". We are going to have a Victorian day in school on Thursday 23rd May. Your child will have the opportunity to come to school dressed as a Victorian and to participate in a range of activities linked to this topic (see homework letter).



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 be focusing in on these areas:

Multiplication and division- Counting in 2's, 5's and 10's. Recognising, adding and making equal groups

Fractions- Recognising half and a quarter of an object, shape and quantity.

Position and direction- Describe turns and position.

Place value (within 100)- Count from 50 to 100, partition into tens and ones and compare numbers.

Money- Recognise coins and notes and count in coins.

Time- Recognise days of the week, months of the year, tell the time to the hour and half.

Science, Computing and Design and Technology

Our topic in Science this term is Materials.

We will be learning about identifying materials, classifying and sorting them.

Our second topic is Seasons-observing changes across the four 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

A homework letter will continue to be handed out every Friday and the online activities must be completed by the following Wednesday. If your child is unable to complete the homework for any reason, please don't worry, at this stage in their education it is optional.

Expressive Arts

Our focus in Art this term is Textiles. We will learn how to use a needle and thread and master a simple running stitch. Detail will be added to our work using felt and a glue gun. In drawing, we will be improving our sketching skills through drawing objects from our memory or imagination. The famous artist that we will be learning about this term is the South African painter Isabel de Roux.

P.E

On Friday 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. 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

Tuesday 23rd April- St. George's day (red shirt)
Monday 20th May- PTFA Cinema Night 3.15-5.30pm
Wednesday 22nd May -Year One Class Collective worship 9.05am
Thursday 23rd May- Year One Victorian day in school
W/C 10th June- Year One phonics screening check
Monday 1st July - Art Exhibition 1.30pm-4.30pm
Tuesday 2nd July - Art Exhibition 3.15pm-4.30pm
Tuesday 2nd July - Open evening 3.15pm-4.30pm
Friday 5th July - Year One trip to Wisley gardens
Saturday 6th July - PTFA Summer Garden Party 12.00pm-3.00pm