

Year 1 Newsletter  
Summer Term 2017



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These are some of the things your child will be learning this term:

**English** This half term we will be focusing on the story 'The Lighthouse Keepers Lunch'. The children will learn the story before writing their own versions. We will be focusing on learning the story off by heart and acting it out using actions. You could encourage your child to act out their story for you at home as extra practice.

They will then write a non-fiction text which will relate to the story, looking at the different features of non-fiction texts.

**Maths** This term, we will be continuing our work with the Maths No Problem Scheme. We will be looking at the following topics: Place Value, Time, Money, Volume and Capacity, Mass, and Space. These will be taught using the CPA approach as modelled in our Maths open morning. We will then spend some time reviewing and checking the children's understanding in order to best prepare them for Year 2.

**Science** One of our topics is Growing Plants. The focus for this unit is to be able to identify and name a range of common plants, including garden plants, wild plants and trees. Children will learn how to explain and describe the structure of common plants. We will be looking at different seeds and thinking about which plants may grow from them. We will be investigating the different features and functions of a plant and what they need in order to grow. Alongside this, we will also be continuing our seasonal change topic. We will learn about the differences between spring and summer and how this affects plants, animals and humans.

**RE** This term, we will be studying Hinduism and Judaism. We will be focussing on what each religion celebrates. We will also be discussing traditional clothing, signs and symbols, and special books within the religion.

Computing Children will continue to have specialist sessions with Miss Charles and will explore programming.

PE During our outdoor PE sessions we will be perfecting our bat and balls skills and applying these to playing team games such as: rounders, basketball and football. For indoor PE, we will continue with gymnastics before focussing on dance in order to prepare the children for Arts Week.

Humanities This term, we will be exploring leisure facilities in our local and wider area. We will be reading and drawing our own maps. Children will be asked to use positional language in order to explain where things are in relation to something else. The children will share their own personal leisure experiences and hobbies with their class and we will find out where the best facilities are in our local area. We will also be studying what leisure activities people did in the past and will compare it to what we do today.

Art This term, our topic will be centred around Tall Ships - linking with our leisure topic. We will be studying the artist John Dyer. Children will be carrying out observational drawings of ships and honing in on their painting and collage skills. After half term, we will be celebrating Arts Week. The children will each create a final piece of work relating to a whole school theme.

Design Technology Our DT project will also link to our leisure topic. The children will be designing and making their own playground model.

Music The children will continue to take part in weekly singing assemblies with Mrs McDonald, who will be preparing them for our Arts week performances.

## How can you help at home?

There is a big focus on phonics this term. Please use the alphabet mats at home to practice all the phonic sounds with your child. Focus on sounding out words when reading books at home together. Please also practice handwriting and number formation. This is our last term in year one and all children need to be forming all letters correctly to ensure they are able to join letters together next year.

Thank you for your continued support!

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