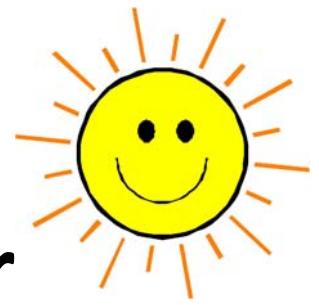


# Year 1 Summer Newsletter



We are so proud of our Year 1 for all of their hard work and wonderful attitude to learning! This term we have lots more interesting topics for us to explore. Have a look at the things we are learning this term. . .

## Topic:

Our topic for this term is 'Caring for Others and Our World.' We will be discussing and expressing our views about the way people live in different parts of the world and environments. More specifically thinking of ways in which we can be more environmentally friendly.

We will name locate and identify the characteristics of the four countries and the capital cities in the UK. We will then focus on similarities and differences of human and physical geography of small UK area and a non-European country. To further our understanding of how places are linked to other places in the world we will focus on foods from other countries.

We will further our understanding of the passing of time (e.g. before, after, a long time ago, past). We will achieve this by focusing on seaside in the past compared to the present. We will also look at the contributions made by significant individuals for example Florence Nightingale.

English: This term in English our topic will be 'Just so Stories,' where we will continue to focus on a variety of stories. We will broaden the genre of books that we read so that the children are exposed to a range of fiction and non-fiction texts. This will enable them to use different techniques in their writing. The children will retell familiar stories and will have the opportunity to plan and write another class story towards the end of the term.

We will continue to introduce different suffixes to the children and teaching how to use these correctly in their writing.

We will focus on some Poetry. More specifically learning and reciting poetry and focusing on rhyming words.

We will continue to focus on the use of capital letters, full stops and finger spaces when writing sentences and paying particular attention to the formation of our letters and ensuring they are all formed the correct size. We will continue to ensure the children are confident with the punctuation they are using in their writing including full stops exclamation marks and question marks.

The children will continue to have a 30-minute phonics session four times a week.

## Science:

This term we will be focussing on the following: Animals and Seasonal Changes (Winter to Spring).

In our Summer term we will start with our Animal topic. This will include identifying and naming a variety of common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals.

We will then be grouping animals into carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. To ensure we reach our full potential with this topic, we will be engaging in a mixture of practical, theory and outdoor lessons.

We will continue to observe the changes across the four seasons, paying particular attention to the changes between Winter to Spring. We will also observe and describe weather associated with the seasons and how day length changes.

We will continue to work scientifically making tables, charts and displays about what happens in the world around us. We will aim to link it to our general topic 'Caring for Others and Our World.'

## Maths:

This term in maths we will be focussing more on problem solving and mastery within these topics:

- Counting to and across 100, forwards and backwards.
- To count, read and write numbers to 100 in numerals.
- To count in multiples of 2, 5 and 10 both forwards and backwards.
- To solve one-step and two-step problems involving all four of the operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.
- To recognise, find and name a half and a quarter as one of two equal parts of an object, shape or quantity.
- To add and subtract one digit and two digit numbers to 50.
- Using measures including time, lengths/heights, mass/weight and capacity/volume.
- To describe position, directions and movements including half, quarter and three quarter turns and apply this to the real life problems.

## PE.

PE will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday for 1J and Thursday and Friday 1B. This term our focus will be Athletics and Invasion Games. Hopefully the weather will be mild which will allow us to hold PE lessons in the outdoor areas.

## Home Readers and Homework.

Children will be able to change their home reading book when they come in in the morning. Preferably no more than three times each week to ensure they are reading with fluency and comprehension. It has been explained to children that when they require a new book, they place their finished book and reading journal in the box which is located in the classroom. There will be one piece of homework set each week, which will be sent home on a Friday. This will usually be Maths or English, however there may be occasions when homework will be linked to the current topic which is due back on a Wednesday. Spellings will also be sent home on a Friday. Please support your child when learning their spellings; don't forget Look, See, Cover, Write, Check!