

Key Stage One Newsletter Summer Term 2024



Welcome to a new term, we have a lot planned for the last part of our school year.

The children in have had a great start back; they have settled back into school life well and are showing their enthusiasm for their new exciting topic! We are really exciting to start our Superheroes topic in the first part of the summer term and then in the second part we will be doing the topic Kings, Queens and Castles.

In May the Year 2 children will also be completing both reading and maths SATs papers and our Year 1 children will do the Phonic Screening test in the week of the 10th June.

Make sure you look at Class Dojo every Monday for an update on what we are learning about each week. Please talk to your child about their learning for the week and then if you would like to do any activities at home related to this, please feel free to send it to your child's class teacher.

Please make sure that the children's clothes are all named as we always have a box full of lost property and that they have a water bottle everyday especially as the weather improves.

KS1 team

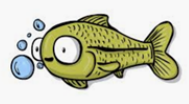
Minnows: Mrs Dakramendjian

Tadpoles: Mrs Craig

Sticklebacks: Mrs Dearn

Ducklings: Miss Parris

TAs and HLTAs: Miss Appleby, Mrs O'Rourke, Mrs Morton, Mrs Fawkes, Mrs Jain, Miss Sharp and Miss Clifford.



Literacy



Our Literacy work this half-term will focus around the Super Heroes. We will start by focusing on the story of 'Supertato.' The children will be writing letters as Evil Pea to apologise for the mean things

that he did. The children will also be writing a newspaper report recalling the events in the story and create their own superhero job description. We will also be having our own superhero day near the end of term which we will write about.

Next half term, we will be linking our Literacy lessons with our topic of Kings, Queens and Castles. We will write a recount about our trip to Warwick Castle and write our own job description for being a knight. Following on from that we will read 'The Sword in the Stone' and retell it in our own words. We will be reading non-fiction books to find out more about castles so we can write our own information texts. Finally we will be creating our own acrostic poems based on our topic.

The children will all have the opportunity to read lots of stories and non-fiction books related to these topics in our weekly Guided Reading sessions.

Read write Inc will continue this term and the children are enjoying working in their groups.

Numeracy

Children in Year 1 will continue to focus on their counting and place value of numbers to 100. They will also be looking at time; telling the time to o'clock and half past the hour. They will also look at positional language to describe movement.

In Year 2, the children will look at telling the time and measures including mass, capacity and temperature. We will be recapping the different operations and solving word problems with both 1 and 2 steps. We will also be carrying out investigations where we look at working systematically to solve problems. We will also look at direction and describe turns.

Please ensure that you are practising your child's times table target with them as regularly as possible ready for our Multi-flyers test every week.

Children will also be continuing to complete daily maths drills. You can help them with their maths skills by asking them known number facts, such as times tables.



Curriculum information

Science

In Year 1 we will be looking at plants; we will name the different parts, identify and name different wild and common plants. We will also look at the parts of trees and identify whether different trees are deciduous or evergreen.

Then we will look at animals where we will name them, identify different parts of an animal and also look at carnivores, omnivores and herbivores. We will also learn about the season of summer and changes that happen in this season.

In Year 2 the children will also look at plants focusing on bulbs and seeds and observing how they grow over time. They will carry out a comparative test to see what plants need to grow.

Then we will also look at animals where we will focus on animals and their offspring. We will also look at lifecycles of different animals. We will also look at what animals need to survive.

Geography

In Geography this half term we will be focusing on continents, oceans and the 4 countries that make up the UK. We will learn about their capital cities and key features as part of our lessons.

History

After half term, we will be looking at the history of Kings and Queens. We will look at a range of monarchs focusing particularly on the importance of William the Conqueror and Queen Elizabeth II. We will look at the important parts of their lives and why they were and are important.

DT

In DT this half term we are learning how to create a superhero puppet. The children will design their own puppet and then create it using felt whilst learning how to sew their material together.

Art

In Art next half term we will be designing and making our own shields where we will look at printing.

RE

In RE this half term we will be learning about symbols and how Christians and Jewish people show they belong to their religion and then in the next half term we will look at Jewish and Christian stories and their messages.

PSHE

In PSHE we will be looking at rights and responsibilities we all have to ensure we are safe. After half term we will look at how we can keep money safe and enterprise.

Computing

In Computing Year 1 will look at being digital musicians and Year 2 will be using technology e.g, cameras. After half term Year 1 will look at continuing their work on algorithms and Year 2 will look at creating presentations.

Dates for your diary...

w/b 20th May—STEAM Week
22nd May—KS1 Trip to Warwick Castle
24th May—Inset Day and break up for half term.
3rd June—Back to School
w/b 10th June—Healthy Schools Week
Year 1 Phonic Screening Check starts
w/b 24th June—Cultural Similarities Week
28th June—Reports sent out
4th July—Meet the Teacher Day
12th July—Summer Fayre
19th July—finish for Summer Holiday

Reading

Reading for pleasure makes a big difference to children's educational performance.

Children who read for enjoyment every day not only perform better in reading tests than those who don't, but also develop a broader vocabulary, increased general knowledge and a better understanding of other cultures. This is why we want children to read at least 4x a week at home and for that they can earn stickers, dojos and their name on the special reading display.

Please ensure that each time you read with your child you sign their diary.

PE

Tadpoles: Tuesday and Thursday
Minnows: Tuesday and Friday
Sticklebacks: Monday and Friday
Ducklings: Wednesday and Friday



All pupils in Key Stage One need to bring their P.E. kits (black shorts, white t-shirt and plimsolls or trainers) every Monday. Kits can be taken home on Friday for washing.

The PE cup is awarded to the class with the most children in full PE kit, so please ensure your child has the correct kit for each lesson. Every class would love to win the trophy!

Reminders

- ◆ Your child will be given spellings every Monday and will need to practise them ready for a spelling test on Friday.
- ◆ The children will be given homework on Thursday each week. Please ensure that they complete these tasks and return by Tuesday. Don't forget to check Dojo for our weekly learning updates in case you want to do anything extra in relation to our learning at home.
- ◆ Please can you remind your child to bring their book bag and diary to school everyday.
- ◆ Every child needs to have a water bottle, filled with water, in school so that they don't become dehydrated during the school day. Please make sure that the bottle is named.