

Year 1 Newsletter



Summer term

April 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

We trust this letter finds you well and hope you have had a lovely Spring break. It has been lovely to welcome the children back after the break ready to begin their learning journey once more.

Can we please remind Parents that children should still be Striving for 5! Any reading they do at school does not count towards this total so will not earn them a raffle ticket to win a book of their choice. Mathletics is of real benefit to their progress in Maths too. Please see the Class teacher for any lost passwords. Optional homework details can be found on the Year group page on the website.

Our Topics

We have briefly outlined our topics below. More information will be available in the Year 1 and 2 section of the website, just look for our topic plans.

1st half - In an English Country

Garden

We will take a look at local bird and wildlife now the warmer weather is coming (hopefully)

We will look at some of Van Gogh's works especially his sunflower painting. We will grow some plants and try and develop our school gardens to encourage butterflies and other minibeasts.



2nd half - Awesome Africa

Exploring and comparing is the theme this half term!

We will study farming, geographical features, animals, daily life and the food of a village in Africa and compare it to our own.



PE: This term in PE we will be working on Gymnastics with Mrs Mason and Athletics. All children are expected to wear PE kit and this should be kept in school all week. Our days are Tuesday and Wednesday.

Other dates for your diary:

Summer trip and Local walk - details to be confirmed shortly

Open afternoon - **Tuesday 18th June at 2.45pm**

Water bottles

With the hopefully improving weather it is really important that your child keeps hydrated as it has a **huge** impact on your child's ability to learn. Unlike Reception we do not have cups so we ask that children bring a water bottle to school with their name on it and that it is washed regularly at home.

NO juice please however weak. Fruit or vegetable pieces in the bottle are acceptable as flavouring!

Hair and Jewellery

Unfortunately we still experience head lice in school. If your child has longer hair we would ask that you tie it up to try to reduce the spread of this pesky beast!

Children are asked not to wear jewellery with the exception of a watch. Staff are not allowed to take earrings out of children's ears so we would ask that you remove them prior to the school day.

Thank you for your time and we look forward to another fun filled term working with you and your children. If you have any other questions please pop in and see us. Best wishes

Year 1/2 staff