



Welcome back after Easter. I hope you have all had a relaxing break and are ready for the Summer term. Here is a brief overview of what we will be covering this half term.

English

In keeping with Spring, we are looking at texts linked to new life and young animals. We have already looked at Chicken Licken for example. Following this, Woolf by Alex Latimer, will be our focus text this half term. We will be using the fantastic story to inspire our very own young writers and will use the author's techniques to improve writing.

All this will be going on alongside our Read Write Inc. phonics and handwriting. We are focussing on good letter formation and correct sizing of letters. Your support with this is appreciated and home jotters will continue to be sent home weekly as well as reading/library books.

Maths

This half term we will be introducing the topic of multiplication and division by looking at groups, sharing and arrays. We will also look at fractions for the first time this year.

IXL will be updated regularly to follow our progress through the White Rose Maths syllabus and your support with this at home is extremely valuable.

Topic

Our topic this half term is hot and cold places. We will be studying the geography of the world and looking at the reasoning behind different climates. The children will explore the characteristics of different regions, looking at the key features of the poles, equator, deserts and rainforests.

Our science will overflow into our topic lessons as we find out more about plants and growth.

Science and Computing

In Science, we are focussing on plants. We have already been busy sowing seeds and are prepared and ready to monitor and record their growth. Any support at home with planting seeds, helping out in the garden or discuss parts of a plant would be very useful.

Throughout this term in computing, we will be making animated story books using purple mash.

PHSE and RE

During our RE time we will explore the question 'What does it mean to belong to a Church or Mosque?'. We will discuss how we care for each other and what small actions can make a big difference to those around us.

Class 1 will be thinking about how we can look after the environment around us and ways to help the planet.

PE

We are very lucky to have Project Sport coming into school to share their experience of cricket with us all. We will look at developing key skills such as throwing and catching with a good technique. Along side this we are taking part in a course of tennis, so watch out Andy Murray!

Your child will need a fully-labelled PE kit, including correct footwear in school in order to participate.

Important Dates this half term:

6th May – Bank Holiday (school closed)

24th May – INSET day (school closed)



Here are a just a few ways in which you can aid your child’s learning at home and additional information to help you;

- Please continue sharing stories with your child and if possible listening to your child read every evening.
- Please could your child practise writing both his/her forename and surname.
- Please could you support your child in recognising and practising forming numbers to 100.
- Could you also please support your child in correctly forming each letter of the alphabet.
- P.E. kits will be needed on both a **Wednesday** and a **Friday**. Please leave a P.E. kit in school with your child for the whole of each half term. They can store them in their lockers. Please note- P.E. may take place on other days also.
- Library books will be changed on a Wednesday and reading books throughout the week.
- Homework will be sent home on a Friday; usually consisting of a number of spellings to learn in a spelling book or through spelling shed and a Maths activity (either Schofield and Simms or an IXL online activity). We recommend spending around an hour a week on homework and be sure to keep listening to your children read.

We all hope your child continues to enjoy Year 1. Please do let us know if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child. The children have had a brilliant first week back and we hope they will continue their fantastic effort and hard work.

Mr Hobson, Miss Watkins and the Year 1 Team!

New Vocabulary

Antarctica	Arctic	dune	drought
equator	Sahara	oasis	canopy



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