

Year 1 Newsletter

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome back! The school year is whizzing by and we can't believe it's the children's last term in Year 1! Below is some information about our learning this term. We have two topics. Firstly, Our Wonderful World and then after half term we will be looking at keeping healthy and the Olympics. We will be looking at science connected to growing plants, the weather and healthy eating. We also hope to explore the local issue of the proposed Mannings Pit development. If you have any ideas or can help us with fundraising or listening to children read, please come in and see us.

Many thanks,

The Year 1 team.

English

We are currently writing an information book about people and their jobs, using interviews with visiting gardeners and vets.

We will also be learning to write persuasively about the Mannings Pit development proposal.

The children will also use descriptive language to write poems about plants. We will explore traditional tales such as Jack and the Beanstalk from the perspective of a different character.

Please continue to support your child with their spelling by using the website for support. This term we will be preparing for the phonics screening. To prepare your child please continue doing lots of segmenting and blending when helping them read.

PE

The children will continue to have PE with Sporting World on Tuesday afternoons. We are excited to be using a new PE programme this term which links the fundamental skills of balance, coordination and agility together through an exciting and fun range of games, challenges and activities. **Please make sure the children have a complete and named PE kit in school every day.**

Humanities

In History we will look at the history of the Olympics. For Geography we will be looking at local maps and exploring the contentious issue of the Mannings Pit development plan. In RE we will be learning about "Special Places".

DT and the Arts

We will be exploring how use a pencil effectively to create light and shade through still life drawings. We will also make our own Olympic rings and logos.

Science

For the first half of term we will be finding out about plants. We will be carrying out experiments to find out what plants need to grow. We will also learn the names of different parts of plants.

We will also be looking at the weather and how it can change with the seasons.

Maths

We will continue to develop our counting skills, counting in steps of two, five and ten. We will continue to explore simple multiplication and division including finding halves and quarters of shapes and quantities. Children will also continue exploring how their number bonds to ten can help with other problems e.g. $6+5$. We will continue to develop our skills of measuring and apply this to solving practical problems involving addition and subtraction. Finally we will continue to name and explore properties of 2D and 3D shapes. Please support your child at home with lots of counting in 1's, 2's, 5's and 10's.

Homework

Please try to read with your child for a few minutes each day. Children will have a follow-up task in their reading diary each week to support their learning. Please help them complete this.