

Year 1 Newsletter Summer

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome to back to Year 1 and our last term in Year 1! We are excited to welcome Miss West to the team. It may take a few weeks to get to know everyone but she cannot wait to get started! We are very excited about our new topic on Castles and the British Monarchy. We will be getting ready for the phonics screen in June. If you have any concerns or would like to help your child at home with phonics this term then please come in and ask. We have some exciting events happening this term so please keep an eye on the weekly newsletter!

The Year 1 team.

English

In English this term we will initially focus on traditional tales. We will look at describing the main characters in the story and thinking of different ways to retell the story of Jack and the Beanstalk. Finally we will write our own ending to the story. We will also look at creating our own set of instructions on how to plant a bean. We will think about how we can make our instructions as precise as possible.

PE

In PE we will be focusing on gym techniques and skills. We will be looking at different movements and will even create our own routines. We will focus on athletics later on in the term just in time for sports day!

RE

This term we will focus on learning all about friendships. We will focus on how we can be good friends to others and what it means to be a friend. We will look at the religion of Christianity by looking at Jesus' special 12 friends.



Art and Design

This term we will look at creating our own self portraits in the context of the Royal family. We will examine portraits of the Royal family and discuss the colours and focus of the Royals. We will then think about ourselves as a member of the Royal family and create our own Royal self portrait!

Humanities

In humanities this term we will learn all about going to school over 100 years ago! We will think about how different and similar the life of children now and over 100 years ago. We will also learn all about how to create our own map of the school using simple observational skills. We will look for key features of the school grounds and use them to help find the hidden royal treasure in the school.



Computing

In computing this term we will understand how to use technology safely and respectfully by revising what we learnt from Smartie the penguin. We will also begin to learn how to use Scratch Jr. to create our own algorithms. You can also download Scratch Jr. for free to use at home!

Science

In science this term we will learn all about plants and how they grow. We hope to go on a walk around the school this term looking for signs of Summer. We also enjoyed planting our seeds this week and look forward to seeing how and if they grow.

Maths

In Maths this term we will initially look at weight and measurement. We will look at building the tallest and smallest towers. We will also measure our towers by using cube rulers and rulers. We will learn about how to measure weight by using cubes. We will look at who has the most money by using the weighing scales to measure. We will then begin to look at multiplication and division by using our understanding of counting in 2's, 5's and 10's. You can help at home by counting money at home. Please take a look at the website nrich to find problem solving activities to try at home!



Music

We will focus this term on using our voices to creatively sing medieval songs and listen with concentration to a variety of songs from the past.

Handwriting and Spelling

This term we will be continuing to work through the weekly spellings. Please encourage your child to practise these at home in your child's reading record. Perhaps put them into a sentence. We practise handwriting everyday in school. Please encourage your child to form their letters correctly when writing at home.