



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, we will explore other traditional tales such as 'The Enormous Turnip' and look at the characters, settings, problems and solutions.

All this will be going on alongside our Read Write Inc. phonics and handwriting. We will focus 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

The history of transport is our topic this half term. We will be looking into the Wright brothers along with comparing the methods of transport used in the past and in the present day.

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 discussing 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 a healthy lifestyle with us all. We will look at how to stay fit and healthy, how much exercise we need and some of the best ways to have fun and stay fit at the same time. Alongside 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:

7th May – school closed for May Day Bank Holiday

25th May – last day of term



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. **(Letter formation sheet attached)**
- 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; now consisting of handwriting/spellings to learn in home jotters and an IXL Maths activity. The children have a username and password for IXL; please remind your children to regularly practice. 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!



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