



Summer 1 Newsletter – Information for Parents Date: 28.04.22

Class 1

Dear Parents/carers

Welcome back to school – we hope you all had a relaxing Easter break.

Nursery children.

Please arrive between 8.50 and 9.00 am so that all our nursery children are ready to begin their morning routine and activities by 9am. Obviously siblings of school age children will continue to arrive between 8.40 and 8.50 am. The side gate to class 1 is locked by 8.50 am. Please can you ensure your nursery child has a spare change of clothes in their bag. We go out in all weathers and sometimes get muddy so spare socks, leggings etc are needed. We learn through play which often can be messy! However, you are more than welcome to purchase a school jumper if you wish.

Nursery, Reception, Year One Class Routines

Our **PE** sessions are on **Tuesday afternoons** and so children need an outdoor pair of trainers. We will be outside again this term with Mr Shimwell so the correct footwear is required. Nursery children might want to wear jogging bottoms on PE days.

All children may come into class from 8.40 but our daily routine begins at 8.50.

Nursery and Reception children continue to receive free milk if they are **under five years old**. If you wish to pay for your child to have milk, please register to pay online with the 'cool milk' scheme (www.coolmilk.com). All children need a pair of wellies in school plus a water bottle. We encourage children to take home water bottles each day to be washed! Please bring a coat to school each day as we go out in all weathers. **There is no Forest School this term.**

Our topic this half term is 'Our Wonderful World'. Part of this will include looking at the 'Blue Planet' and the impact of plastic pollution, and the effect of human action on the ocean.

We will also name, locate and identify characteristics of the four countries and capital cities of the UK, and carry out map work.

In Art we will look at the work of artist Guy Harvey who is also a scientist and marine biologist and who works hard promoting marine conservation.

In **RE** the children are studying – How should we care for others and the world, and why does it matter?

In Science our focus is 'plants and growing'. Children will identify and name a variety of common wild and garden plants, including deciduous and evergreen trees. They will identify and describe the basic structure of a variety of common flowering plants, including trees.

Phonics - In June, our year 1 children will take part in the phonics screening check. If you wish to find out more information about this, here is a link. <https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/at-school/primary-school-assessment-tests/year-1-phonics-screening-check/>
Year 1 children will be bringing home some examples to read and practice.

All the children continue to receive daily phonics work. Phase 5 shows the children the alternative ways of writing the sounds already learnt. Reception have been learning Phase 3 and will move onto phase 4. Year 1 are working on Phase 5, containing real and pseudo words.
Nursery children will have daily Phase 1 phonics games where they will learn to distinguish and say phonemes correctly. Their focus will be on the prime areas of the EYFS curriculum which are personal and social development, physical development and communication, language and literacy.

In English our texts this term include non fiction enabling the children to learn about contents and index, alphabetical order etc Other texts include; Tiddler by Julia Donaldson, Somebody swallowed Stanley, Dear Greenpeace, Lets investigate plastic pollution.

In Maths, Year One children are working with numbers to 50 and then 100. Investigating multiplication and division including times tables, geometry (position and direction).

EYFS children have daily counting and number recognition to 20 and beyond. They use the numicon and counters to order, count and add numbers, progressing towards their maths Early Learning Goals by the end of the year. They will learn about 2D and 3D shapes and pattern.

Homework

Reception children will be taking part in group guided reading 3 times a week but will not bring these books home. Their home readers will be changed weekly.

Yr1 – In addition to reading at home, the children have their weekly spellings to learn each Friday which will be tested the following Friday. Y1 children will have guided reading sessions 3 times per week. Their home readers will also be changed weekly.

Reception children have lots of opportunities for reading during the day, from when they are playing in the role play area and writing area, to individual and group reading. Please continue to sign or initial in their reading record book when they have read to you. Thank you for your support with this.

Sharing Assembly

Please come and join our sharing assembly every Friday at 2.45, (either by zoom or in person, depending on the circumstances), to celebrate the children's achievements. As always, if there is anything you wish to discuss we are always available, please pop in!

Many Thanks,
Mrs Jackson and the Class One Team ☐