

Year 1 Summer 2 Newsletter

Dear parents/carers,

We can't believe we have reached the final half term of our time in Year 1 already. The children have grown so much and we are really proud of how independent they have become. We have a jam-packed half term ahead of us and are looking forward to lots of new learning opportunities related to our focus on the natural world.

Below are the key areas the children will explore:

DT – We will be evaluating the success of different dips and tasting fruits and vegetables before designing our own healthy kebab stick. We will also be exploring the use of mechanisms before creating a moving picture of our own.

Art – We will be looking at the representation of plants in art and using collage to create a range of layered images.

History – We have been finding out about the significant impact several figures have had on the world. Ask your children to impress you with their knowledge of how these people have made a difference to our world:

- Mary Anning
- Charles Darwin
- Wangari Maathai
- Greta Thunberg

Science – We are continuing our learning about plants and should now be able to tell you the main parts of a flower and a tree as well as being able to identify some examples of these in our surrounding area. Whilst out for a walk, can you spot a daisy, a dandelion, a rose, a buttercup and a sunflower or can you find an oak tree, a silver birch tree, a horse chestnut tree, a fir tree or a willow tree?

Sunflower Competition

Your child should have come home with a sunflower, planted in a pot. This is for our growing competition. We are asking you to take good care of the sunflower by placing it in a sunny spot and watering it regularly. Then, on Monday 17th July, you need to send proof of the height of your sunflower back.

This could be a photograph with a measurement or the actual sunflower brought back into school.

Good luck and happy growing!

Sports day

This term the children have several opportunities to take part in sporting activities. They will all get to race at sports day and then, later in the term, they will carry out some potted sports activities with the rest of the school. These events are always lots of fun but we are finding that more children are finding the concept of winning and losing tricky to deal with. It is worth having a conversation with your child before these events about trying their best, cheering each other on and being pleased for each other. This is the approach we take at school and it is helpful if you support this.

Transition

Later this term the children will be visiting their new classrooms and finding out a little about life in Year 2. We will be letting them know all about your child but, if you have anything specific you would like passed on to your child's new teacher, please let us know. Dates for transition and for you to come in and meet your child's new teacher will be sent out in a newsletter soon.

Phonics activities

Before half term, we sent out a few activities for you to complete with your children. These activities contained real and alien words for the children to read. These activities will help your child to embed their learning and become more confident word readers. Help them by:

- Spotting the digraphs and trigraphs they can see in each word.
- Sound-talking and blending the word.
- Checking whether the word makes sense, based on whether it is a real or alien word.

The children always enjoy sharing their brilliant reading with you! Make sure that you keep up with your reading at home this half term. Moving into Year 2, the children will benefit from regular reading of their decodable book as this will help them to access all areas of their learning in the classroom. A daily story read by you is also hugely important in terms of helping your child with the range of language they are familiar with, the way sentences are structured and, of course, fostering a lifelong love of reading and sharing books.

Reminders

As the temperamental British weather heats up, please ensure that all children come to school with:

- A water bottle
- A sunhat
- Suncream applied for the day
- Sensible shoes

Thank you for your continued support with your child's education.

The Year 1 team.