

Year 1

Summer Term 2024

Dear All,

We hope you have all had a lovely Easter break. The children have come back to school with big smiles ready for the exciting term ahead. Here are a few details about what we will be doing in Year 1 during the Summer term.

First half term –

Science – Different plants and trees that grow in the local area

History – Homes and castles

Computing – Animated Stories

R.E – Hindu celebrations

P.E – Tennis and Netball

D&T – Freestanding Structures

PSHE – Jigsaw Scheme - Relationships

Music – Improvisation

Art – Colour Creations

Second half term –

Geography – Seaside

Science – Plant detectives and Seasons

Computing – Coding

R.E. – Muslim celebrations

P.E. – Athletics, Rounders and Sports Day practice

PSHE – Jigsaw Scheme – Changing Me

Music – Performance skills

Art – Colour Creations

In **English**, the children will continue to have their Read Write Inc lessons and a whole class English lesson per week. In class we will be reinforcing the skills taught through further literacy activities, free writing and guided reading sessions. Please support your child's individual reading at home through short and regular reading sessions and continue to use the Reading Diary as before. It is important to write in the reading diary as it helps to give us a full picture of your child's reading and lets us know how the books are going at home. The children's reading level is regularly assessed and they will move through the scheme as appropriate. The children will continue to be responsible for organising and changing their individual reading books. Remember also to read the books allocated to your child on the 'Bug Club' website and look at our Year 1 recommended reading list on the website.

Children will continue to bring home **spellings** to learn on a Friday, which will be either common words for Year One or they will be based around the focus sound in the book the children have been reading in school. These spellings will then be checked the following Friday. Thank you for your continued support for your child with their spellings.

Phonics Screening Check for all Year 1 children

The phonics screening check is a statutory assessment for all children in Year 1. It is a short, statutory assessment to confirm whether your child has learnt phonic decoding to an appropriate standard. It aims to identify the children who need extra help so that they can be given support by school to improve their reading skills. The children will read a mix of 40 real and nonsense words (alien words). Please encourage the children to spot the 'special friend' sounds in words when they are reading at home to help them read the word correctly.

Our **Maths** work continues to include lots of oral work and number games to help the children's learning, especially their mental arithmetic skills. We will be exploring multiplication and division - using repeated addition and arrays, equal/ unequal groups and remainders. We will be learning how to tell the time to the half and quarter hour on analogue and digital clocks. Exploration of fractions will involve sharing equal/ unequal groups/ shapes. We will also be continuing to revisit place value by estimating, ordering and comparing. Optional Maths homework activities are sent home each week on Fridays via Google Classroom. They are designed to consolidate work covered in our class Maths lessons and will help children practise the different methods they have learnt at school.

P.E. takes place on Tuesdays and Thursdays in addition to our daily run. We hope to be using the field for athletics/games activities and the children will need a pair of **trainers** for this. Please make sure that all items of clothing are **clearly named**.

The children will continue to visit the **library** on Thursdays, so please ensure that they have their library books in their bags on this day.

Please make sure the children come to school in the correct school uniform every day and if they are wearing leggings/tights then they should be Maple uniform colours. Please ensure all long hair is tied back every day using a plain band/clip in school colours.

Finally, notices and messages from us will be placed on the windows or sent via parent mail/ put on Google Classroom.

We are looking forward to the busy term ahead and we hope that this newsletter is helpful. If you have any questions or queries please come and see us. If we cannot speak there and then we will arrange a mutually convenient time.

Dates for the diary:

Open Evening: Wednesday 24th April

Occasional Day (school closed): Friday 3rd May

Bank Holiday: Monday 6th May

HALF TERM: Week beginning May 27th

Walk & visit to the 'Islamic Centre' mosque on Hatfield Road: Wednesday 26th June afternoon

With thanks for your support,
Mrs Kite, Mrs Turner and the Year 1 Team ☺