

Year 1 Summer Term

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you have had a relaxing and enjoyable Easter break! Below is an overview of the topics we will be covering over the next two half terms. Thank you for last term's support with the children's reading, spelling and Numbots work! Information on how to help further with Maths can be found below.

First half term 'Bright Lights, Big City'	Second half term 'The Enchanted Woodland'
<p>English (in addition to RML reading and spelling) Curious Quests will continue! Grammar work sessions once a week will include work on sentence structure adjectives, verbs, nouns, conjunctions.</p> <p>Science: Collecting data, answering questions, making observations in nature- changing seasons.</p> <p>Art and Design: No Art this half term as we are doing DT.</p> <p>Computing: Creating media with digital imagery using I Pads. Typing with Dance Mat typing.</p> <p>Design Technology: Safe cutting skills and food. The Great BB Bake Off! Details to follow. Looking at where our food comes from. Identifying our likes and dislikes.</p> <p>Geography: Using atlases and maps of UK to locate where we live and where London is in relation to this. Study a non-European place and compare to where we live (Florida!)</p> <p>History: No History this half term.</p> <p>Music: We are continuing our work using Charanga to learn about beats and rhythms.</p> <p>Indoor PE – Dance</p> <p>RE- Looking at places that are special to people</p> <p>Outdoor P.E. - Ball games, Partner work</p> <p>PSHE: Jigsaw- Relationships</p>	<p>English (In addition to RML reading and spelling) Listening to and retelling traditional fairy tales. Ensuring we are all confident with the Year 1 writing essentials! (Clear letters formed correctly, using our sounds to spell, spaces, capital letters and full stops)</p> <p>Science: Identifying different trees, plants and flowers; learning about deciduous and evergreen trees, and making close observations.</p> <p>Art and Design: Looking at artists Claude Monet and sculptor Augusta Savage. Manipulating clay and blending colours with paints.</p> <p>D&T: No DT this half term.</p> <p>Geography: Compass directions and position.</p> <p>History: Learning about the Royal Family. Thinking about changes within living memory. Comparing significant individuals from different time periods, Queen Victoria and King Charles.</p> <p>Indoor P.E. Gymnastics</p> <p>Outdoor P.E. - Games- developing partner work. Sports day practice and races!</p> <p>RE: How should we care for others and the world, and why should it matter?</p> <p>PSHE: Jigsaw- Changing Me</p>

Key Dates for your diary:

- Grand Bulb Bake Off! Wednesday 22nd May 2024, more details coming soon!

-Details for the BB 'Access All Arts' Week Event also coming soon! It will be the week beginning 17th June. Children will take part in arts activities involving drawing, painting, photography etc at some point during the week. Parents will be able to come in on the last day of the week to view children's artworks!

-Sports afternoon will be in June, date TBC soon!

- Trip to Ulverscroft Manor- Wednesday 3rd July 2024. Details of these events to come via email!

-Last day in Year 1- Friday 12th July 2024

A few reminders...

- Please make sure that your child has a suitable PE kit on, for both indoor and outdoor PE (Tuesdays and Thursdays). **If at all possible** and if you have them at home- please send your child in Velcro shoes on PE days, although laces are fine if they can do them up themselves. We spend a lot of time on PE days re-doing up shoelaces throughout the day! All clothes, PE or uniform, **must be named**. We may be doing some extra forest school sessions in the summer term, but children won't need any extra kit for this, normal PE kits will be fine (if it is adverse weather, we wouldn't go).
- As the weather (hopefully!) gets warmer, please make sure your child has a filled **water bottle**, hat and sun cream in school, and please apply sun cream before the school day begins. We are unable to put sun cream on the children during the school day, this has to be done by themselves.
- Please remember to keep up reading at home, it really does make such a difference! Spellings will continue to go home as usual on Friday, and will be quizzed the following week.
- We are working on developing social skills with the children. Any board game playing at home would really help with this, e.g. sharing, taking it in turns, being gracious winners (and losers!) We would love to see photos on Dojo of any game playing that you do at home!
- Maths support- one of our key maths targets is to know our number bonds to 5, 10 and 20 (addition and related subtraction facts). Please help your child to practice quick recall of these facts!
Suggested internet games to help: Hit the Button; ICT maths games website
- After feedback from the children and from some parents on parents evenings, we are going to start giving out paper maths homework for children to complete if they would like to, in addition to Numbots which will still be available.

We look forward to an enjoyable Summer Term! If you have any queries, please see us, or contact us on Dojo in school hours. Thank you!

Thanks for your support,

The Year 1 Team.