



Year 1 Newsletter – Summer 1

Welcome

Welcome back! Only one term left of year one - the year is going by so quick! We've got a lot squeezed into this term. Here's some of what we'll be up to...

Phonics and Reading

Phonics

Following the Little Wandle Phonics scheme the children will continue to learn and review phase 3, 4 and 5 sounds and tricky words. The children will also be continuing to segment, blend and read words.



For age-appropriate books to share at home follow this link to find 50 recommended reads!

[Best Books for Year 1: Recommended Booklist for Ages 5-6](#)

Writing

This term, we will continue to encourage children to use adjectives to describe a noun, past tense and conjunctions to join sentences. We will also be writing some exclamation sentences, using an exclamation mark in our writing. As we near the end of year 1, we will encourage children to sustain their writing and produce 6 sentences to form a narrative. As always, our work is based around some engaging and beautifully illustrated picture books. The books that are writing will be based on for this half term are: Dragon's Post, The Koala who Could, and Float.





Maths



In Maths, our first unit is on place value to 50. We will cover lots of the place value skills we have already learned but apply them to working with larger numbers. This includes using a number line, one more and one less, estimating, and partitioning numbers into tens and ones.

Our next unit is about length and we will learn how to compare items by their length and how to measure using non-standard and standard units.

Our final unit is on measure and volume and we will be talking about weighing objects and learning how to measure the volume of a container.

Science



In Science this term, we are learning all about animals. This is a topic we're sure the children will all really enjoy! We will be learning about animal features and how animals can be grouped into mammals, birds, fish, reptiles and amphibians.

Computing



First in Computing this term we will be looking at spreadsheets and learn how to add data into one. Children will also follow and create simple instructions on the computer to understand that computers need precise instructions to follow.

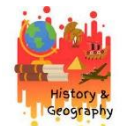
DT



This term in DT, children will be making their own fruit smoothies!

We will begin by learning the difference between a fruit and vegetable, then trying a variety of fruits/vegetables to discover which ones we like. Children will then select their ingredients to create a smoothie!

Geography



Our topic for geography is 'How is Life Different in China?' We will be learning about life in a vibrant Chinese city and comparing it to Corby and the local area.

We will also continue to develop our understanding of maps and atlases.

Music



In music we will be exploring Pitch.

PE



Our PE days are Wednesday and Thursday this half term. We are working on sending and receiving skills and athletics.



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PSHE

Our PSHE topic for this half term is 'Being my Best!'

RE

In RE, we will be exploring 'Books in Christianity'. We start by talking about our favourite books and then learn why the Bible is a special book for Christians.



Enrichment

To support our science learning, we hope to have a very exciting school trip to the zoo planned! More information to follow.



Homework Project

We will be keeping you up to date on Dojo and continue to send home phonics spellings for the week. Maths homework is now included at the back of these books.



Rewards

The children will receive 'Dojo Points' as a reward for demonstrating our school values: Respect, Responsibility and Resilience.



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Please remember to name your child's school jumper or cardigan.

Please remember if you are making your child a packed lunch, we ask you not to put anything in that contains nuts.

Dates for the diary!



Summer 1



Monday 13th April – school reopens to pupils
Thursday 23rd April - Book & Biscuit session (EYFS & KSI) 2.40pm
Monday 4th May - Bank Holiday
Monday 11th May - Thursday 14th May - KS2 SATs Week
Friday 22nd May - Summer 2 Year Group Newsletters and Timetables
W/B 18th May Careers Week
Thursday 21st May – Beach Party (Reception/KSI & KS2)
Friday 22nd May – Y6 Takeover Day
Friday 22nd May – school closes to pupils for Half Term



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