

CLASS NEWSLETTER

SUMMER TERM - YEAR 1

Welcome back! I hope you have all had a fantastic Easter holiday and indulged in lots of chocolate! Mrs Colbridge and I are really looking forward to this coming term! It's going to be very busy indeed! If you would like to be updated on your child's progress or discuss any issues or concerns, please come in after school or make an appointment.

NOTICES

Year 1 Phonics Screening Test

During the week commencing Monday 10th June, the Year 1 phonics screening test will be completed. Your child will be tested on a one-to-one with Mrs Pendleton or Miss Cunliffe. It is really important that all of the children are present in school that week. If for any reason your child is unable to be in school that week, please let us know as soon as possible.

Trips and Visits

On **Friday 17th May**, Year 1 will be having a circus themed day, to co-incide with the Circus visit to the school. Children may come to school in bright clothing, or a circus costume if they choose. But please do not go to any expense as we will have some costumes in school.

On **Wednesday 26th June**, Year 1 will be going to Blackpool Tower for a lesson and activities on the history of the circus, followed by the circus show. A letter has been sent out this week with regards to the trip itself and when payment needs to be in.

Year 1 Memories Assembly

On Wednesday 3rd July at 9AM, Year 1 will be performing their 'Memories Assembly'. The children will share their best memories of being in Year 1 so get your hankies at the ready!

KS1 Assault Course—Sponsored event - Date TBC

KS1 are going to be taking part in an assault course. This will be a sponsored event. The date is to be confirmed. Parents are welcome to come and watch or participate!

OUR TOPIC

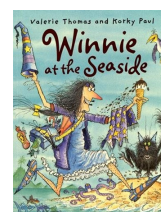
Our first topic this half term will be The Circus. During this topic, we will be looking at the history of the circus, circuses around the world and how entertainment has changed over time. We are going to make our own clown faces and trapeze artists, as well as famous individuals who have had an impact on our lives today. We will also begin to look at Queen Victoria and the Victorian era.

Our final topic after May half term will be 'The Seaside'. During this topic, we will be looking at similarities and differences between the Seaside now and the Seaside in Victorian times.

READING

Please continue to read with your child each night and sign your child's planner when they have read. We will continue to change your child's book on the same day each week. Please also practice the phonics sounds as much as possible leading up to the Phonics Screening Check in June.

Our current 'Author of the moment' is Valerie Thomas, who has written the Winnie the Witch stories.



PE & OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Outdoor education will once again be on Mondays with Mr Lackenby and Mrs Colbridge. The children will need outdoor clothes, waterproofs and wellies! In PE, the children will be doing Cricket on a Wednesday afternoon for the first half term. Please can you ensure that your child has a PE kit in school. Lessons may be outside, so black/blue tracksuit bottoms will also be needed in their kit. Please ensure all kit is clearly labelled. Thank you.

ENGLISH

- In our English lessons we will be writing about life in the circus, using books such as 'Big Top Winnie', by Laura Owen, as well as 'Paddington at the Circus'.

We will continue writing our own stories by:

- Changing the main characters of a familiar story.
- Using openers, such as: First, Next, After that and Finally.
- Remembering to use capital letters and full stops in our sentences.
- Reading our sentences after writing them.
- Describing characters using adjectives.
- Using verbs to describe how characters move / do things.

We will also be working on improving our spelling and handwriting.

MATHS

In Maths this term we will be re-visiting:

- Hundreds, Tens and Ones.
- Partitioning– (Splitting numbers up).
- Adding and subtracting involving numbers to 50 and beyond.
- Recognising and using numbers up to 100.
- Halving and doubling numbers.
- 2D and 3D shapes.
- Find half and quarter of different shapes and small amounts.
- Count on and back in 2s, 5s and 10s (Understanding multiplication).
- Read o' clock and half past on an analogue clock.
- Solve mathematical word problems.
- Solve problems involving the four operations, (Add, Subtract, Divide, Multiply).

SCIENCE

In Science we will be learning to:

- Ask simple scientific questions.
- Observe closely and carry out simple tests.
- Use scientific vocabulary.

COMPUTING

In computing we will be learning to:

- Use programs (Beetbot programs on IPAD/2Code on Purple Mash/Computers)
- Use technology purposefully (make a digital class resource)

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 6th - School closed for Bank Holiday.

Friday 17th May - Year 1 Circus themed day

Friday 24th May - Break up for half term.

Friday 7th June - Non-uniform day for Summer Fayre

10th June (all week) - Phonics Screening check.

Thursday 20th June - KS1 & KS2 Sports Day

Friday 21st June - Summer Fayre 1.30 PM

Wednesday 26th June - Year 1 trip to Blackpool Circus

Wednesday 3rd July - Year 1 Memories Assembly 9AM

Thursday 4th July - Class Swap Day

Friday 12th July - Reports to parents

Wednesday 17th July - Finish for Summer at 2PM