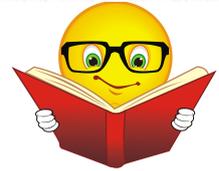


Year 1 Newsletter

Summer Term 1 2017



Joining together
to build our future



Dear Parents / Carers:

Welcome back! We hope you have had an enjoyable break. Our topic for this term is 'Travelling and Exploring' – Why are explorers very brave people?

Home Learning:

The children in Year 1 will be taking their Phonics Screening Check in the Summer 2 term. The Phonics Screening Check is a short reading activity to show how well your child can use the phonics skills they have learned up to the end of Year 1. The checks consist of 40 words and non-words that your child will be asked to read on a one-to-one basis with a familiar teacher. Non-words (or alien words) are a collection of sounds that will follow phonic rules your child has been taught, but they do not mean anything and therefore, cannot be memorised. Your child will need to use their decoding skills in order to read an alien word.

You can help your child prepare for their Phonics Screening Check by going over the phonics they have learned in Reception and Year 1. Read new and familiar books and stories with them where they will be introduced to new words that they will have to sound out. Model and encourage them to find new and unfamiliar words as a challenge.

Here are some helpful websites with fun word building interactive games that your child may enjoy:

www.phonicsplay.com

www.ictgames.com/literacy.html

Please continue to comment daily on your child's reading in the comments section in their Reading Record books.

If you have any questions or queries about the Phonics Screening Check, then please don't hesitate to speak to Ms Kerai, the year group leader.

The Year 1 Team

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**If you have any
questions or concerns,
please approach your
child's class teacher.**

Dates for this terms educational visit

As part of our Wider Curriculum topic, we will be visiting the Science Museum, where children will have the opportunity to explore the Space exhibit. Dates will be confirmed later this half term in a letter.



Here are some ideas of places that you could also visit with your children in relation to our topic on explorers: The Cutty Sark in Greenwich; The Golden Hinde on the Southbank and HMS Belfast, also on the Southbank.

PE Days

England: Wednesday and Thursday

Ireland: Wednesday and Thursday

Scotland: Wednesday and Friday

Wales: Thursday and Friday

Please ensure that your child has their PE kit, including a change of footwear. Label your child's P.E kit with their name clearly marked. Your child should bring their PE kit to school on Monday and take it home to wash on Friday.

Please note: A PE kit is an essential piece of equipment for all sports-related activities and needs to be in school at all times.



Curriculum

This term's topics:

English: Narratives, recounts and poetry

Maths: Addition and subtraction word problems, multiplication and division

RE: What does it mean to be a Muslim?

The Wider Curriculum: Why are explorers very brave people?

Science: Everyday Materials

Computing: Exploring and using algorithms

History, Geography and PSHE and Citizenship: Learning about famous explorers such as; Christopher Columbus, Neil Armstrong and Amelia Earhart

Design and Technology: Planning and designing a healthy meal for an explorer