

Year 1 Newsletter

Summer Term 1



Building Personal Success

Dear Parents / Carers:

Welcome back! We hope you have had a lovely Easter break. We have an exciting term planned ahead, our topic for this half term is *Travelling and Explorers – Why are explorers very brave people?*

Home Learning:

Home learning activities are uploaded onto Microsoft Teams in the *Year 1 Home Learning* Team under the files tab every Friday. These activities consist of spellings related to a particular sound that the children should learn and write into sentences.

The children should also take home their Reading Record, along with their reading book, each day – their story books will be changed weekly. We would like to encourage children to have discussions with their parents about the books they are reading to support the development of their comprehension skills. Parents and carers should sign the Reading Record daily and leave at least one comment each week about how their child read or make a note of any interesting comments their child made about the book.

The curriculum project can be completed throughout the half term. It will be based on our topic *Travelling and Explorers – Why are explorers very brave people?* Just a reminder that the project can be based around anything the children wish. It could be a poster, picture, model or a piece of writing.

Additional Websites

Please continue to practise your child's RWI sounds and encourage them to read sentences and simple paragraphs independently. You will also find further information and learning opportunities from the following sites:

RWI: <https://www.ruthmiskin.com/parents/>

Oxford Owl: <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/login?active-tab=students>

Numbots: <https://play.numbots.com/#/intro>

Warmer Weather

As the weather changes this term, more of the children may find that they need to take off their jumper or cardigan when playing outside. Therefore we would like to encourage parents to label all of their child's clothing as this helps to return any lost items back to parents, if found. It would also be beneficial to provide your child with a sun hat and sunglasses to wear in the playground. On very sunny days, please put sunscreen on your child before they come to school.

Kind regards,

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This Term's Educational Visits

As part of our history topic, ***Travelling and Explorers – Why are explorers very brave people?***

We will be visiting The Science Museum. The children will have the opportunity to find out how to get astronauts to the International Space Station and how to keep them safe. The children will explore aspects of living and working in space and will observe, describe, test and select materials and equipment to build a space suit.



As part our learning in Religious Education this half term: ***What does it mean to belong to Islam?*** The children will be visiting a mosque. They will be learning about why it is a special place of worship for Muslim people and they will have the opportunity to take part in a question and answer session with a follower of the religion.



PE Days

All year 1 classes will have their P.E on Wednesday and Thursday

Please ensure your child comes to school **in their PE kit**, including appropriate footwear on these days.

The children will not be changing in to their uniform after the PE lesson. Appropriate clothing suitable for the weather should be worn. Your child will require a bottle of water.



Summer 1 Curriculum

English: The children will read and discuss the books: *Beegu*, *Man on the Moon*, and *The Dragon Snatcher*. The children will be retelling stories, describing their home planet and writing a biography. They will continue to practise composing sentences and look at different aspects of grammar.

Maths: We will be looking at halves and quarters of shapes, partitioning numbers into tens and ones and exploring numbers to 100.

Science: Animals Including Humans – senses.

RE: The children will be thinking about *What does it mean to belong to Hinduism?* They will learn about Hindu beliefs, practices and lifestyles by studying holy days, artefacts and festivals.

History & Geography: The children will learn about famous explorers such as: Christopher Columbus, Neil Armstrong, Amelia Earhart and Matthew Henson and find out where in the world they explored.

Design and Technology: We will be making a healthy and nutritious smoothie.

PSHE: Relationships: identifying the members of a family and understanding that there are lots of different types of family. The children will also identify what being a good friend means.

Computing: Digital Writing

Music: Making our own musical story, *A Rumble in the Jungle*.

PE: Sports - Athletics