

Welcome back to the Summer term!

As you may all know I am Mrs Patel and I will be year 1s class teacher from Monday to Wednesday till the end of Summer. Mrs Mayes will be the class teacher Thursday and Friday and has previously taught as a teacher in many schools.

Thank you for a lovely start and welcome to year 1, the children have been very engaged and enthusiastic learners since we have returned. I look forward to working with the class and getting to know you all better. Please bear with me as I work on recognising who belongs to who and I thank you for your patience so far. If you have any worries or concerns please do feel free to catch me at the end of the day.

Literacy

In Literacy this term we will be looking at various different types of text. We will be starting this term thinking about explanation texts, looking at information books about the life cycle of the butterfly and then the frog and learning to explain these life cycles. We will also look at traditional tales again as we read Jack and the bean stalk and Little Red Riding Hood, we will finish the half term looking at

some mini beast themed poetry. After half term we will be writing instructions and thinking about the purpose of instructions. As well as doing some more narrative work on stories with themes relevant to the children's own experience and then looking again at poetry and learning to perform poems. We will also continue to work hard on improving our handwriting by making sure we think carefully about how to sit at the table properly, hold a pencil correctly and form each of our letters carefully thinking about if they are an ascender or descender.



This term in phonics an important part of our phonics will be re-visiting sounds already learnt and practising reading alien words. This is to help to prepare the children for the phonics screening check, which all children in Year 1 in the country will take on a 1:1 basis in June. The children are learning to recognise words that are made up and words that are real. Please support your child at home by continuing to read with them as often as possible. Please visit our website for the Little Wandle links to phonics for parents.

Mathematics

We will be continuing to use the 'Herts for Learning' Maths scheme. This week we have started our work on division by looking at sharing into groups that are equal and not equal. Then we will move on to looking at multiplication. Later on this half term we will look at telling the time. After May half term we will work on fractions as well as looking at larger 2 digit numbers and thinking about their place value. We will continue to rehearse counting in 2s, 5s and 10s to further develop children's confidence and fluency. We will be doing this by looking at arrays and sharing into equal and unequal groups.

Children will continue to use a range of manipulatives to support them including numicon, beadstrings, counters, tens frames and base 10. Year 1 will be working on all 4 of the operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

Science

Our new science topic for this term is 'Gardens- plants and growing' this will provide us with lots of opportunities for outdoor learning and Science activities; looking at growing plants, and the life cycles of insects. We will be linking some of our learning back to our 'Animals' topic from the autumn term thinking about insects and how we can sort them. Our school trip in June to Lea Valley, links with our current topic and the Science that they will be learning about throughout the summer term.

Geography

Our Geography topic this half term is 'Making maps'. We will be using simple fieldwork and observation skills to study the school and local areas, leading onto being able to describe features and symbols of maps and places. As well as, this we will be following directional vocabulary and compasses in order to move around a map.

Computing

Children will continue to have a computing lesson once a week. This term our topic is 'Visual Information' and we will begin by recapping laptop and ipad control skills. We will then look at how different information can be displayed using technology including; signs, labels and graphs. We will be using the laptops and iPads to create graphs and databases to sort by criterion and children will collect their own data to put into graphs using the ipads or computers.

Art

This half term we will be looking at pattern and print making. We will be looking at a variety of artists such as William Morris and learning to use foam board to make a repeated print.

Physical Education (PE)

PE days will continue to be on Mondays and Thursday. In P.E. We are starting off by looking at Tennis.

RE (Religious Education) PSHE

In RE, we are looking at which days are special to us, which leads us onto talking about the Jewish festival of Shabbat. For PHSE we will continue to follow our scheme of work through jigsaw.

Homework

Homework is given on a half – termly basis – the children will work through their grid of activities linked to this half term's learning and show their work at the end of a half term and we get together with Year 2 for homework sharing.

School trip

On Thursday 16th May 2024 we will be having our class trip to Waltham Abbey gardens. If you would be interested in helping us on our trip please do let us know. Names of helpers will then be drawn out of a hat if we have lots of interest.

Have a great half term!

Mrs Patel and Mrs Mayes