



Class 1 Newsletter

Term 6

Summer Term

Be the BEST You Can Be

Whatever you do, do with all your heart. Colossians 3:23

I can't believe that we are fast approaching the last term of Class 1. It's always a lovely term with warmer weather (finally!), more field time, lots of outdoor learning, sports day... there's so much to pack in! The children have continued to grow and find their own ways to shine and I can't believe we are nearly at the end of our time together. We look forward to helping them have a really positive end to Year 1 and get them ready for their transition to Year 2...

What we are learning

Our **topic** this term - *Are we there yet?* - is **Geography** based and all about the **United Kingdom** - its countries and capital cities. We are going to be looking at where in the world we live and the physical and human geography of our country.

In **English**, we will be continuing to perfect our transcriptional skills with a focus on handwriting and honing our sentence writing skills. To begin, we will be using the beautifully illustrated book *The Comet* through which we will practise these important skills whilst it also sparks our imagination and creativity. We will be working on the final part of Phase 5 in phonics.

Our main focus in **Maths** for the start of the term is Fractions before moving onto Geometry (position and Direction and then Place Value within 100. Although the children are becoming very good at counting forwards we need to practise our fluency in counting backwards, especially when it crosses a '10' number e.g. 30...29, 60...59, 80...79)

In this last term, Class 1 will be continuing to consolidate their knowledge and understanding of everyday materials and their properties in **Science**. The term will be heavily investigation based and the children will be encouraged to start thinking about what may happen and also what we can learn from our findings.

In **RE**, we will be continuing our focus on Judaism and considering *Does visiting the synagogue help Jewish children feel closer to God?* We will begin by thinking about where our special places may be and what it is that makes them special before thinking about how a Jewish child may feel about visiting a synagogue and what they do when they attend.

Through our **PSHE** sessions we will be talking about 'Changing Me' and, in line with our policy, part of the focus will be *identifying the parts of the body that make boys different to girls and using the correct names for these*. If you have any questions about this, please let me know.

Computing in Term 6 will cover a range of skills, starting off with learning about, and using, spreadsheets. We will be using digital cameras to take photographs of technologies we can spot and creating a document in Purple Mash to record them. We will be revisiting a number of ICT skills, such as inputting algorithms (instructions) and saving and retrieving work.

In **PE**, we will start of the new summer term by focusing on athletics and preparing the children for Sports Day. PE will once again be on a Friday so children will need to wear their kit that day.

For **Music**, we will be focusing on accompany the song we are learning with both tuned and percussion instruments.

Reading

We hope that you are enjoying the books that your children have been bringing home. The system seems to be working very well with the children bringing home the book they have been reading at school in their guided reading groups. Thank you all for getting the books back to us each week so we can maintain the sets ready for the next group.

We are also very grateful for your support with reading regularly at home – I am really pleased with the progress I am seeing so I must thank you for taking time to hear your children read regularly at home as well.

Phonics Screening Check – I will be doing this with them week beginning 10th June. They have been working very hard all year and are very familiar with the process. I am so proud of the progress they are making.

Dates for this term

Sports Day – Thurs 13th June 9.30-11.30am

Summer Fayre - Wed 3rd July 3.15pm

Move-up Morning – Thurs 4th July

End of term 6 – Wed 17th July @2.30pm

Useful Information

This term, PE will return to being on a Friday. Your children will need to continue to come into school dressed in their PE kits ready for sport on that day. It will mostly be outside, so please send your child in wearing sun cream when necessary.

Maypole Club will continue up until the performance on Sat 13th July. Summer Sports club will continue to run every Wednesday, finishing at 4.15pm.

...and finally

PSHE – as a requirement of the PSHE curriculum, this term we will be discussing the physical difference between boys and girls, including the correct vocabulary for different parts of their body. Should you wish to discuss this further, I am happy to go through it with you.

As with all the other terms, this term will no doubt fly by so I would once again like to thank you for your continued support and involvement. What a team!

As always, we are here if you need us at the start or end of the day.