

# Year 1 Summer 2 Curriculum letter



Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to everybody after the half term break! We hope you managed to enjoy the lovely warm weather.

The children are already very busy with their topic: '**Victorian days**' which they started before the half term break. This is a history- based unit of work where the children compare modern day life to Victorian times. We hope they enjoyed their 'Victorian dress up day' where they acted in role as a Victorian child. They applied their diary writing skills from last half term to write a fantastic entry of their experience. We look forward to sharing a video with you soon for their celebration event.



Later this half term, the children will commence their new topic: '**Mini-beasts**'. Throughout this topic your child will be learning about different types of minibeasts around our school, including trips to the pond! In order to observe the lifecycle of the butterfly, the children will soon be taking charge of a batch of their own tiny caterpillars, which will be arriving in school shortly. We will be watching the caterpillars develop in our classrooms, and waiting for the day we can release them as butterflies on the school field. We will also be learning about different types of weather, comparing contrasting weather in different areas of the world and becoming mini weather forecasters!



In English they will be writing about the life cycle of the butterfly. They will be able to observe the changes from their real life caterpillars in their classrooms. They will be extending their sentences with conjunction words -and, but, because to add detail to their writing. They will go on to write their very own mini-beast stories based on the popular children's book 'The Hungry Caterpillar'. They will apply all their writing skills they've learnt so far to write a fantastic story.



In Phonics the children will build confidence choosing the correct digraph to spell words, e.g. spelling -played correctly by using the -ay grapheme. They will continue to practise writing the common exception words in sentences. For this half term's spellings, your child will be given a personalised list of the ones they are not spelling correctly in their writing. Please practise these as it is important they spell these correctly ready for year 2. If your child can already spell these words, they will begin learning to spell the year 2 common exception words. Remember you can practice these words in lots of fun ways, e.g. with water, paint, chalk, felt tip pens.





In Mathematics the children will be learning how to write a repeated addition number sentence to show how many groups of objects you have, e.g.  $2 + 2 + 2 + 2 + 2$  is the same as 5 lots of 2. Some children will write this as a multiplication number sentence,  $5 \times 2 = 10$ . They will then apply this knowledge to solve division problems, e.g. Tom has 12 sweets and he shares them between 3 friends, how many do they have each? They will start by using practical objects and then record their jottings by drawing equal groups. Please see the mathematics home learning sheet for further activities you could do at home with your child.

### **Wider Curriculum**

In PE the children will be throwing and catching and playing small sided games using racquets, bats and balls. In Geography the children will be learning about different weather patterns around the world. In Computing the children will be learning to collect and present data using bar charts. In PSHE they will be exploring different changes that happen and begin to think about transitioning to year 2.

### **How to support at home**

#### **Topic project**

- For the children's home learning project, please can your child find out about a mini-beast of their choosing. Please encourage your child to write some sentences about what they have found out. Please see the home learning sheet for more information on this.

#### **Reading**

- Read daily with your child using <https://my.risingstars-uk.com>. Your child's class teacher has assigned the books so they are carefully matched to their phonics level. Remember to ask questions to check they have understood what they have read.

#### **Phonics**

- Flash the sounds and tricky words before reading to help your child to 'warm up'. We will also be sending home weekly word list to practise too.

#### **Spellings**

- Your child will receive a personalised list of words for this half term to practise based on the words they are not spelling correctly in their writing. (see the website for other fun ways to practise spelling these words).



#### **Mathematics**

- Counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. (see the Maths home learning sheet for more ideas).

Lastly, the Year 1 team would like to thank you for all your continued support and lovely messages. We recognise this has been a difficult year with all the changes but the children have been so fantastic and kept us all going. We are so proud of you all! We wish you all a fantastic summer.

The Year 1 Team: Mrs Lubbock- Smith and Mrs Arnott (Rabbits), Mrs Vogt (Moles), Miss Ruck (Owls).

