

Year 1 Summer Term (1)

Curriculum Newsletter



25th April 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back from your Easter break. We hope you all had a lovely holiday! The children seem to be well rested and have been eager to get back to their learning this week which has been fantastic to see!

Our new topic for this half term is **Let's Explore!** During this geography-based unit we will be learning about the similarities and differences between Shirley and The New Forest. We will visit Lepe Beach and Shirley and we will have a great time. The children already know so much about their local area!. We will explore the geographical features of a rural area and we will collect information to help us compare the similarities and differences of urban and rural life.



We continue to be amazed with the progress the children are making with their reading in Year 1 and really value your support in this. Please bear in mind that all children learn at different rates and we will support them according to their individual needs. As children become more confident decoding words and increase in the fluency with which they can read, please encourage them to develop higher-level reading skills, such as the use of expression and intonation when reading out loud, inferring meaning from the text and answering comprehension questions to develop their understanding further. Some children may like to write a short review of their book once they have read it, draw a story road of the events, and write a description of their favourite character or even an alternative ending to a story. Year 1 books will be changed every Friday and will be able to stay at home over the weekend so please make sure your child brings their colour banded book and their reading log every Friday.



This half term the children will not have spellings sent home, but instead will have real words and monster words to practise in preparation for the phonics screening. These words need to be segmented and blended back together – broken down into each sound e.g. qu-e-m-p = quemp. It is really beneficial for children to find and identify any digraphs in the word first, before they attempt to sound the word out. A digraph is 2 letters that make 1 sound, e.g. ee, or, oi. Your child should be able to explain as we have been doing them in school regularly!

In maths we will continue to develop our understanding of 3D shape and secure our vocabulary of properties of the shapes. We will be exploring fractions of shape, finding halves and quarters. We will build on this by finding half of a quantity up to 20 and extending this learning to finding a quarter of a quantity up to 20. To support your child further at home, perhaps they could use their skills half the amount of items you need for the shopping or cut up a pizza into 2 equal halves or quarters.



In the warmer weather we enjoy having our games sessions outside. With this in mind, please ensure your child keeps a P.E. kit in school and that the kit includes **suitable footwear i.e. trainers or plimsolls**. During the summer term children are encouraged to have sun hats for break times and lunchtimes. They can also bring sun cream into school, however this will need to be applied by the children themselves. Please ensure your child has a clearly-named water bottle in school each day as we have many children who do not.

As you are aware, Mrs Anousis is now leading Year 1 and, if you have any concerns or wish to speak to her, please do not hesitate to contact the office and arrange a time to meet.

We hope your child has a wonderful time in their last term in Year 1 and enjoy all the exciting experiences to come!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Anousis and Mrs Smith

Miss Sneddon

Miss Ruck

Rabbit Class

Mole Class

Owl Class

