

YEAR 1 CLASS NEWSLETTER - SUMMER TERM 2024

Thursday, 18/04/2024
16:00To Prime Parents of:  EMAIL**YEAR 1 CLASS**
NEWSLETTER
Summer Term 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are very excited to begin our Summer Term with the children. As the weather is very changeable please continue to send children in with a coat each day, just in case! As we move into the hotter part of the year, children will need hats and sunscreen, applied in the morning. Packed lunches are stored outside, in the shade, but an ice pack popped into the lunch box would ensure your child's food is kept fresh.

The children will continue to have PE on a Monday and Wednesday. The children should wear plain black joggers, leggings or shorts, a white t-shirt, a navy blue hoodie or sweatshirt and black trainers.

Please look on the school website for the cover sheets detailing the children's learning this term, subject by subject and lesson by lesson. These show you the sequence of lessons and what will be taught. They give the vocabulary we will be using in lessons and have examples of questions used.

In English, we have begun our learning with the text 'Wanted: The Perfect Pet'. Then we will cover the information text 'Grow your own lettuce'. After the half term break, we will learn the text 'Mrs Armitage and the Big Wave'. Finally, we finish the year with a great instruction book, The Slime Book. We will make slime and the children will learn how to write instructions. The children will invent their own slime recipe!

In Maths, we begin with multiplication and division. We continue to count in 2s, 5s and 10s, recognising we are counting in equal groups and therefore we can add equal groups. We look at arrays, doubling and grouping to share. This leads nicely into fractions where we teach children how to find halves and quarters. We then move on to geometry, position and direction. We look at the language to describe where something is in relation to something else, for example, to the right, to the left, under, above. We also look at turns, quarter turns, half turns, 3 quarter turns and full turns of shapes. Next we increase our knowledge of place value for numbers up to 100. Comparing numbers, ordering numbers and looking at one more, one less than any number under 100. We then move on to money, recognising coins and notes and then counting in coins and notes. Finally, we move to time, ensuring children understand the ideas of before and after, dates, days of the week and months of the year, time to the hour and to the half hour and have a go at writing and comparing time

Our phonics scheme, Little Wandle is truly embedded and Summer Term begins by going back over everything they have learned in preparation for the phonics screening in June. Daily phonics learning is then assessed each half term and the data produces a recommendation of the correct level book.

This has meant the children frequently move around guided reading groups, occasionally re-reading books to ensure fluency. The big cat e-books are uploaded on a Wednesday and the children have a growing library of e-books to read, please let us know if you have difficulties getting on to your child's library. We will continue to send a love or reading book home every Friday. This is a sharing book, your child might want to share the pictures, have a go at reading it or have it read to them. All children have also a similar levelled reading book that goes home weekly. This is as close to the guided reading book they are reading.

We are looking forward to going to Northam Burrows beach in May. This will link to our learning in Art and History. A letter will be sent out shortly with further information. Hopefully the weather will be nice!

It is an ongoing concern that more and more children have access to the internet independently at home. There has been a particular increase in children watching YouTube without supervision, it is possible to view very inappropriate content on this site. Please refer to the e-Safety pages on our website should you require support or guidance with this matter. There is a copy of our safe usage policy as well as a sheet for parents with lots of useful information on it.

If you have any questions about anything regarding your child, please do not hesitate to contact us. The children are very good at letting us know if there is something to read in their message books. Please email admin@winkleigh.devon.sch.uk if you prefer and we will try to get a reply within 48 hours.

Kind regards,

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