

<u>Year One Newsletter</u>

Summer 2025

Welcome back after a lovely Easter break. We have got lots of exciting things planned this half term and we will continue to support the children in their journey as independent learners. Again if there is anything that you are unsure of please ask, we are always happy to help! The best way to contact me is to message me on class dojo or a message in your child's diary.

English/Phonics



As we continue to follow Read, Write, Inc (RWI) the children will be learning the last few sounds and become more fluent readers. We will also be learning some alien (fake) words to ensure we continue to spot sounds in words. The children have will continue leaning all about how improve our sentences and continuing using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. We will focus on using our phonics knowledge to spell words correctly. We will continue to listen to and explore lots of stories such as Ruby's Worry, The boy that sailed the world and Whatever Next.





In Maths, we will be going to look at multiplication and division and then move on to fractions. We will count in multiples and look at different methods for multiplication and division strategies such as equal groups and sharing. We will also look at position and direction and how we use positional language such as left and right.



Science- In science we will be starting a new topic about plants and how important it is to grow plants and being able to identify some common wild flowers.

Geography - In geography we are learning about 'What is it like to live in Shanghai' in this topic the children will learn about the difference between Shanghai and where we live and look at the physical and human features in the area.

History – In History we are looking at how explorers have changed the world. We will look at explorers such as Christopher Columbus, Dame Ellen MacArthur, Matthew Henson and Mary Kingsley and how they impacted the world today. We will look at where they travelled to and the transport they used.

Computing- The children will be learning about data handling and how we can use computers to collect and look at data. We will also look at how we can be safe online.

RE- Holidays and Holy days we will learn about how there are special holy days in the Catholic calendar. We will also learn about being sorry and how Jesus taught us to say sorry to others. Then we will learning about the church around the world and the work that CAFOD does.

PE- On Mondays we will take part in PE with Rees sports and Wednesday we will take part in invasion games to learn new skills and follow instructions.

Art- We will be learning about painting and mixed media and the skills in painting and printing. We will explore colour mixing and naming our primary and secondary colours.

DT- We are up to cooking and nutrition in technology where we will be making smoothies. We will learn how to prepare and chop fruits to make a smoothie.

How can I help my child at home?

You can help your child at home by:

- Look at numbers to 50, count in multiples of 2, 5 and 10s.
- Continue to learn sounds using your child's yellow speed sound book.
- Listening to your child read at home and discussing the story together. Children should read at home every night and we expect their diary to be signed every night.
- Learning to read and spell common exception words and words containing sounds that the children have learnt is to be completed in their homework packs.

<u>Notices</u>

<u>PE</u>

PE will now be on Mondays and Wednesdays. Children should come to school dressed in their active wear.

<u>Snack</u>

Snack is £4.60 this term please send money in as soon as possible.

<u>Trip</u>

Our end of year trip is coming up in July more information to follow.

If there is anything that you are unsure of please write a message in your child's diary or class dojo. We look forward to a fantastic term.

Phonics parents meeting

> 1^{s†} May at 3:10pm

If you haven't already done so, please connect to Class Dojo (see your child's diary for instructions).

Homework

RWI book bag book to be read at home daily and also a RWI story book to practise reading the story they are learning in their RWI sessions in school.

Homework will be given on Thursdays and will be a collection of different phonics activities and games to prepare for the phonics screening check.

Please watch the RWI videos that are posted on the class dojo page to help with phonics.