

Key Stage One Summer 2018 Newsletter



27th April 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back, I hope you all had a super Spring Holiday and are looking forward to some fantastic summer weather in the coming weeks!



Water bottles

Due to the hot weather, it is very important that we encourage children to bring a named drinking water into school; this can be sipped throughout the day. Every day your child will bring home their drinking bottle, so it can be washed and filled up for the next day. If a child doesn't have a drinking bottle, they can be purchased from the Office at a cost of £1.50. We also have water freely available in the classrooms so every child always has access to water.

Topics

This term we will be studying lots of interesting and fun topics. In English and Maths the children will continue to follow the National Curriculum. Year 1's topic this half term is 'What's inside an egg', while in Year 2 their topic is 'The Seaside'. We will be carrying out a broad range of activities, please see the attached sheet to know more.

P.E.



Every class has two P.E. lessons a week. One of these will be swimming (when it starts), the other will be Athletics and Rounders. We ask that the children bring the correct P.E. kit to school. Please ask at the office if you are unsure of the correct kit. As the weather is so changeable at the moment the children need to keep their kit in school so that we can do PE when the weather is favourable. When swimming beginnings, we will be asking for help with swimming. If you can help, you need to have had a current DBS. Please ask at the office for a pack. May I remind you that children may not wear earrings during swimming or P.E. lessons and that they must be able to remove their own before a lesson. It is best if children come without them on their swimming and P.E. days.

Could you please ensure that they bring in a swimming cap and flip flops or crocs. All pieces of clothing are clearly labelled (including underwear!), as with clothes looking so similar they often get muddled up!

Morning

Please could we remind all parents to drop children at the door and allow the children to put away their own book bags, coats and packed lunches. If you urgently need to speak to the teacher in the morning then please do so, otherwise the teacher is always available after school or a meeting can be arranged if you speak to the office.

Reading

We still ask that you sign your child's reading record (the Yellow Book), when you have heard your child read, so that they can change their books on a Monday. Could you also record when they read any other books, comics or magazines at home. The children need to come across vocabulary, not only in the reading scheme books, but also in as many situations as possible. This will help them develop into fluent readers. As we stress to the children, reading is not a 'race' and rapid progression through a particular reading scheme will not make a good all round reader. The understanding of what they have read is important too, you can check this by asking them about what happened in the story? What will happen next? What characters were in the story?

Children develop their reading skills through a **broad variety** of contexts during the school day, e.g. support during Reading Comprehension activities, editing their own work with a teacher or TA, Shared Reading during a carpet session.

SATs

The children in Year 2 will be taking their SATS during this term. It is very important that they are in school every day as they have all worked very hard and we want them to do their best and, we wish them well!

Phonics Screening

The Year 1 children will be sitting their Phonics Screening Test in June.

Homework

Thank you, once again, for your continued support with the children's homework. Comments from you written on the homework are always valuable, e.g. 'they did this alone' or 'they found this difficult'. It is really important that all children complete all the homework they are given by their teacher.



Reminders

Children with shoulder length or longer hair must make sure that their hair is tied back for school, this applies to both girls and boys.

Thank you once again for all of your support. If you do have any queries or questions, then please do not hesitate to come and see the class teacher or myself.

Mrs Brech
Infant Phase Leader

