



Year 1 Newsletter - Term 5

We hope you have had a super break and are looking forward to term five as much as we are. There is lots to look forward to including our new outdoor learning lessons...

Maths

In Maths this term, we will be learning to count in 2s, 5s, and 10s. We will then move onto sharing and grouping.

English

We begin this term with our text "Dear Greenpeace" by Simon James and will be focusing on letter writing. We will follow on with some special coronation themed poems for the King!

Other subjects

History: In history, we are looking forward to learning about Christopher Columbus and debating his explorations. Later in the term, we will travel back in time and meet two pioneering inventors – the Wright brothers.

Geography: We start an exciting new topic which will span across both terms five and six. This in-depth look at Australia includes learning about Aboriginal people and some wonderful Australian animals.

Art: Our artist this term is Georgia O'Keeffe as we explore the theme 'the beauty of flowers'. We will be sculpting with clay as well as using charcoal and chalk pastels.

Science: We will be learning about plants and growing some seeds. I wonder what we will grow?

P.E / Outdoor Learning

Please ensure children come into school wearing the correct PE kit. PE Kits can be worn on **Wednesdays** for outdoor learning sessions (no matter what the weather!) and **Thursdays** for PE for both classes. In keeping with our P.E. Policy, earrings must be removed and hair tied up on PE days.

Children will need a pair of wellington boots to be kept in school for outdoor learning.

Reading books will be changed weekly. Phonic books will come home Friday to be returned the following Monday. The phonic books are also available online. Login details will be in the children's contact books.

Homework will be given out on **Friday** each week and is due the following **Wednesday**. This is to be completed independently as it consolidates your child's learning and will highlight if any further support is required.

Water bottles should be brought in everyday even if your child is having a school dinner. We are unable to provide cups in class.

Contact books must be handed in every day as they are checked by a member of the Year 1 team.

We ask parents and carers to ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather; jumpers, cardigans and a winter coat. The weather continues to be changeable with rain always appearing at break and lunchtimes!

Please label all clothing items to enable us to return them should they go missing. Lost property can also be found in the office.

A gentle reminder to inform the office or write a note in your child's contact book if they are being collected by a different adult. This is in line with our safeguarding policy.

School Trip:

We are very excited to be going on our school trip to Brogdale, this will support our learning of plant growth, weather and mini beasts in science and geography.

If you have any worries or concerns, please feel free to contact us via the office, or on the gate at drop off or pick up.

Miss Gunner and Miss Marsh