

Year One Summer 1 newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all have had a good Easter break with the children. During this half term, our learning is based on traditional tales. Please see the curriculum overview overleaf to see what skills we will be covering this half term and how to help your child at home.

Staff Working With Your Child:

These are the following teachers and other adults who will be working with your child this year:

Teachers	Other Adults
Mrs Ali & Miss Jacques	Mrs Begum/Mrs Hasan
Mrs Choudhury/Miss Tolsma	Mrs Mahmood and Miss Bibi
Mrs Steyn	Mrs Ahmed /Mr Ismaeel

Reminders:

- PE lessons are on **Tuesday mornings**. As it is getting warmer, please ensure that your child has a suitable kit that is brought in at the start of the week ready for the lesson.
- Please make sure that **all items of uniform** are **clearly labelled**.
- Library sessions are weekly on **Wednesday afternoons** so please ensure your child is ready to return their library book on this day.
- Please ensure your child comes to school every day with their **book bag** and **home reading book**.
- Send your child to school with a **named water bottle** to drink from throughout the day.

Reading and Homework:

- Please encourage your child to read at home **every day**. We will monitor your child's reading record to ensure they are reading at home and that the reading record is being signed by an adult.
- **Homework books** will be sent out every **Friday** and are expected to be back in school by the following **Wednesday**. Please support your child by discussing and sharing ideas. Please make sure the work is completed by your child.
- **Spelling lists** will be sent home every **Friday**. Please support your child at home to work on these.

Parents Open Morning

A child's reading skills are important to their success in school and work. In addition, reading can be a fun and imaginative activity for children, which opens doors to all kinds of new worlds for them.

We will be continuing this session **every Thursday morning** this half term. Please remember that this session is for you to come in and **support your child** on a range of activities in relation to reading.

- **Sessions are from 8:40am – 8:55am, every Thursday morning**. Please come into your child's class with them promptly so that they have the maximum amount of time with you.

If you have any questions or concerns or would like to know more information please speak to your child's class teacher. We look forward to working with you and thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely
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Year One Leader

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Literacy

This half term the children will be focusing on traditional tales such as; Jack and the Beanstalk, Red Riding Hood, Goldilocks and the Three Bears and Three Little Pigs.

Children will be learning about sentence writing skills and how to write a letter.

How to help your child at home:

- Read and listen to a variety of stories at home
- Ask questions about story characters
- Show children some letters that you receive through the post.

Maths

This term the children will continue to focus on number. Children will be learning about; repeated addition, counting in 2s, 5s, 10s, using arrays, multiplication, doubles, equal groups, fractions ($\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$) and finally, problem solving using all the above.

How to help your child at home:

- Match numbers to objects.
- Finding halves
- Counting in 2s, 5s, 10s

Science

This term Year 1 will be learning about fair testing and investigations. They will have the opportunity to carry out different scientific experiments and discuss their findings.

Computing

'We are Collectors'. Overview - in this unit, the children will use web search engines to collect pictures of different types of animals and then explore ways in which those pictures can be organised. We will be using PowerPoint in particular to collate these images. (Combination of ipads and laptops will be used throughout).

History

We will be learning about the history of the Royal family.

- Children will learn about the members of the royal family.
- Create their own family tree as well as a Royal family tree.



Music/PSHE/Circle Time

Children will participate in weekly Music and PSHE lessons. The weekly lessons will allow children to talk about current affairs and develop expressing their feelings and opinions.

PE

During this half term, children will be developing their skills in: Athletics, Multi skills, tennis and striking and fielding.

DT

We will be focussing on use of everyday materials

- The children will explore materials for different purposes.
- Investigate which materials are best used to create houses.
- Use materials to create a model house.