

YEAR 1 - CLASS NEWSLETTER SUMMER TERM 2023

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To Parents of: 

To School Members: 

 EMAIL

Class Newsletter ~ Summer Term 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you had an opportunity to get outside and enjoy some sunshine. We are very excited to begin a new term with the children. The weather is still quite unpredictable so children will continue to need a coat each day, just in case! When the hotter weather does appear, children will need to bring hats and ensure that they have sunscreen applied in the morning. Our packed lunches are stored outside in the shade but an ice pack popped into the lunch box would help to ensure that your child's food is kept fresh.

The children will continue to have PE on a Wednesday afternoon. The children should wear plain black joggers, leggings or shorts, a white t-shirt, a navy blue hoodie or sweatshirt and black trainers. We will continue to use the running track daily so trainers are suitable footwear for the whole week.

Please look on the school website for the subject overviews 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. The displays in the classroom follow this sheet too, they are a larger version for the children to reference as they work through their learning. Each week a piece of work or some photos will go up on display, which will replace the page showing the learning objective for that week. The children love the idea of their work making it to the wall.

In English, we will begin our learning with the fact book, Hidden World, Ocean. The children will work on producing a lift the flap page for a class book about the animals of Sri Lanka. This links nicely to our Geography work on Sri Lanka this half term. Next we will learn Mrs Armitage and the Big Wave by Quentin Blake. After half term we will discover the book 'What happens when?' by Delphine Chedru. Finally, we finish Year One with a great instruction book, The Slime Book.

In Maths, we begin with multiplication and division. We continue to count in 2s, 5s and 10s, recognising that 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. 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 the children now enter their last term of it. The Summer term begins by going back over everything they have learned in preparation for the phonics screening in June. We read 3 times a week with them, and many children also have daily reading too. We will continue to send a love of reading book home every week. 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 also have a similar levelled reading book that goes home weekly. This is as close to the guided reading book they are reading.

As we prepare the children for year 2 we must ensure they are correctly forming their letters. Many children love to write at home, so we have prepared a handwriting demo power point to support reminding them of letter formation with the mantra. This can be found at the bottom of our class page on the website: [Year 1 - Class Page](#)

We are looking forward to going to Bude beach in the summer. Again we will join up with Kings Nympton children. Hopefully the weather will be nice, last year we were mid heat wave - it was hot!

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 Online Safety pages on our website should you require support or guidance with this matter:

[Online Safety page on school website](#)

[Safeguarding page on school website containing Online Safety information](#)

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

Kind regards,

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