

I am happy you are here
I'm really glad I get to be
your teacher for the year.

We are going on a journey
- like a crew upon a ship.
We'll sail the seas of learning
gaining knowledge on our trip.

I'm hoping for smooth sailing
though we're bound to hit bad weather.
We'll be ok as long as we
all learn to learn together.

Everybody makes mistakes,
Sometimes I'll get things wrong.
Our crew is good at different things
but difference makes us strong.

Are you ready for the challenge?
Climb aboard, lets sail away.
Chart a course for learning,
the adventure starts today.

Catherine Oehlman



Year 1 Summer Term



Dear Parents,

We have put together this information booklet to let you know what we are learning about this term and to remind you of a few ways in which you can help your child at home.

We hope that by working together we can make this term a happy and very profitable one for your child, offering them interesting and challenging activities and experiences and ensuring that they make the best possible progress.

We will also be getting ready for a move into Year 2!

Thank you for your continued support at home with homework and reminding your child of our school and classroom rules.

Miss Walton and Miss Penaluna

SOME REMINDERS

Please remind your children about keeping their hands clean, coughing or sneezing into their elbow if they don't have a tissues and social distancing where possible. Please also follow the guidance on the website regarding Coronavirus.

We promote our school rules and classroom rules each and everyday and children can earn dojo points for following these each day. Please encourage your child to follow our rules by discussing these at home.

Start of the day - Please arrive on time for the doors opening at 8.50am. Children who miss even a few minutes of the school day can miss out on vital aspects of the curriculum like our handwriting practice and Read Write Inc sessions.

End of the day - School finishes at **3.10pm** on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and **3.30pm** on Monday. Please be prompt in collecting your child and we will do our best to ensure they are ready on time. The children who take part in after school clubs are collected either from the Hall door in the top building or from the main entrance. Clubs finish at 4.15pm unless otherwise stated. Children in Year 1 must be collected by someone over 16.

Uniforms and Coats - All children *must* wear school uniform at all times. Please make sure this is **clearly labelled** with your child's name. PE kit can be worn on PE days. With the warmer weather fast approaching, could you make sure your child has a sun hat in school and apply sunscreen prior to them coming to school on a morning.

Reading – Reading folders will be sent home every day and we ask that each child reads as much as possible at home. Please make sure that your child's folder is returned to school each day to allow members of staff to hear your child read. Reading is an important part of the curriculum and supports writing aswell and therefore we encourage you to spend time reading with your child and ask you to sign their reading record (yellow book) every time you do this.

Homework – Both classes receive homework on a Monday on education city and a paper copy for spellings. Please continue to practice letter and number formation and the Year 1 common exception words.

Toys from home: We discourage children bringing toys in from home as it can cause distress and disagreements. Please support us in this decision.

This is what we're doing this term!	
English	We have been learning the story of Oliver's Vegetables, the children have discussed the images and re told and written the story. Next half term we will also be reading Handa's Surprise. We will go onto look at hot and cold countries, the animals that live there, their habitats and record non chronological reports about them. We will continue to practice common exception words as our spellings.
Mathematics	We have begun to use multiplication and division. We will be focusing on the 2,5 and 10 times tables, using the language; groups, lots, multiplied by and times. We will also look at division and sharing. We will then move onto time and money. Please see Education city for weekly maths homework to support your child further.
Science	We are investigating plants and animals this term . We will be exploring our own plants in school by planting and growing a bean plant and sunflower and making observations. . We will also explore plants in forest schools. We will be observing the lifecycle of a caterpillar and discussing animal classifications.
ICT	We will be looking at developing online safety with the children and how to use the internet to find information.
Geography	We will be looking at hot and cold climates around the world following on from our story in English, Handa's Surprise and comparing places around the world.
Art & Design	We will be looking at the work of Van Gogh and mainly his flowers and the children will be creating images using a range of media
Music	Music is run by InHarmony on Monday and they are learning about wind instruments. Mrs Sinclair also teaches Music on Tuesday afternoon and the children are learning songs about plants and animals.
P.E.	This term we will be working with Lewis and Olivia our PE coaches to focus on Athletics. They children will be practising; throwing and catching, running, relays and working as a team.
R.E.	We will be learning about Christianity and the Bible, teaching the bible stories and understanding the concepts and characters.
PSHE	In PSHE we will be learning about health and wellbeing and responding safely to others. They will also discuss looking after the environment, animals and plants.