

Your Best

If you always try your best
Then you'll never have to wonder
About what you could have done
If you'd summoned all your thunder.

And if your best
Was not as good
As you hoped it would be,
You still could say,
"I gave today
All that I had in me."

~ Barbara Vance



Year 1 Summer Term



Dear Parents

This term we will be getting the children ready for the National Phonic Screen which will take place week commencing 12th June. Please continue to practice the sounds with your child as often as possible.

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, spellings and reading and reminding your child of our school and classroom rules. **Please continue to check and empty your child's reading folders daily, some are very full with drawings and letters to be kept at home.**

Many thanks

Miss Penaluna and Mrs Watson

SOME REMINDERS

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. Handwriting and retrieval activities start at 8.50am, children who miss even a few minutes of the school day can miss out on vital aspects of the curriculum.

End of the day - Turtles finish at **3.10pm** on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. **3.30pm** on Thursday and Friday. Pandas finish at **3.10pm** on Monday, Tuesday and Friday. **3.30pm** on Wednesday and Thursday. The later finishes are due to our In Harmony sessions. Please be prompt in collecting your child and we will do our best to ensure they are ready on time. **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. Trainers can be worn on Thursdays for PE. 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. **We ask that each child reads some of their book every night at home and this is recorded in their yellow reading record.** Please ensure that your child's book folder is in school each day to allow members of staff to hear your child read. Reading is an important part of the curriculum and therefore we encourage you to spend time reading with your child. Please also practice the Read Write Inc sounds and common exception words and any additional books sent home.

Homework – Both classes have homework added to their homework book on a Friday to be completed and returned by the following Thursday. Spellings are also sent home for a weekly spelling challenge. Phonic videos to practice phonics at home, are now being added to your child's portfolio on class dojo. Please watch these throughout the week to help your child develop their reading skills further.

Phonics screen will take place the week beginning 12th June.

This is what we're doing this term!	
English	We will be reading Handa's Surprise and looking at adjectives to describe the fruit. Next half term we will be looking at the story of Oliver's Vegetables, the children will discuss and rewrite the story. We will also look at how to write a non chronological report based on Handa's Surprise. We will continue to practice common exception words as our spellings that the children must be able to read and spell by the end of year 1.
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 on to look at money.
Science	We are investigating plants and animals this term. We will be exploring our own plants in school. We will also explore plants and minibeasts during Forest school sessions. We will be exploring lifecycles and discussing animal classifications.
ICT	We will be looking at creating music using the iPads then 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 / DT	In Art we will be looking at the work of Van Gogh. In DT we will be focusing on healthy eating.
Music	Music is run by In Harmony and we continue to learn to play our instruments. Mrs Sinclair also teaches singing one a week.
P.E.	This term we will be working with 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. We will also discuss looking after the environment, animals and plants.
History	During history lessons we will be exploring the life of George Stephenson and looking at transport through time.