

# Year 1 Newsletter: Summer Term 1

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Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

We hope you have all enjoyed a relaxing break and we welcome you back for Summer Term 1.

We are really looking forward to a new term and enjoying new learning opportunities together. We are really proud of all of the children's achievements so far and look forward to recognising their continued successes.

As we move into this term, we would like to remind you of the upcoming phonics screening in June. Please continue to read 4x a week as well as the new RWI books that your child will bring home every Friday. These work alongside your child's current phonics level and support their in class learning. All phonics resources are also available on the school website.

You can find out more information about our curriculum within this newsletter. Please look at our class page on the school website to see what we have been learning about during the school day.

You can also follow our new Twitter account on  
[@Year1Whaplode](#)

Thank you for your continued support,  
Miss Alexander and Mrs Willingale ☺



## PE - Swimming

Year 1 will now have PE on a Tuesday and Wednesday.

Tuesday - Swimming

Wednesday - Sports Coach

Please ensure the children arrive at school in PE kits on a Wednesday and have their swimming stuff with them on a Tuesday - have earrings removed prior to these sessions.

## Phonics Screening Check

Each day the children are also applying their knowledge of phonics to read real and nonsense words in preparation for the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check. We carry out practice Phonics Screening Checks half termly and Read Write Inc assessments to ensure that the children are progressing well and that any misconceptions are being addressed.

## Spellings

Each Monday, the children will be given spellings to learn for a spelling test on the following Monday.

## Homework

Homework is given out each Friday to be returned the following Thursday for marking.

## Reading/Phonics

Please hear your child read 4 x weekly and make a note of their progress in their reading diary. Reading regularly at home supports your child's reading fluency and confidence.

*Learning to read takes lots of practice, at school we read as much as possible but the time you spend reading with your child at home is worth every minute.*

## Summer Term 1 Key Texts

These are the books we share in whole class reading, writing skills lessons and our class reader at the end of the day.

The train ride by June Crebbin

Bold Women in Black History by Vashi Harrison

If all the world were by Joseph Coelho

Cops and Robbers by Janet & Allan Ahlberg

Can't you sleep little bear? By Martin Waddell

## Science

The children will be learning all about plants. Developing their understanding of a plants parts and what they need in order to grow. They will also be learning key concepts such as evergreen and deciduous.

## Writing Skills

Using the story of The Train Ride the children will be learning how to write effective sentences for a story. We will then look at non-fiction writing and will be learning how to write a recount.

## Maths

Our maths lessons this term will be focussed on multiplication and division. The children will learn how to group numbers into 2s, 5s and 10s. They will then be introduced to fractions and understanding parts of a whole.

## Geography

The children will be exploring the 7 continents as well and the oceans that surround them. This will include their diversities and the continent in which they live. They will also be identifying the poles and the equator.

## Year 1's Curriculum Overview

## PSHE & RE

In RE this term the children will be exploring Muslim celebrations.

In PSHE the children will be learning about the different ways that they can keep themselves healthy and safe.

## PE - Swimming

The children will be developing their skills of entering the water, floating and moving. They will then move on to learning about kicking and different swimming strokes.

## Art

The children will be exploring different techniques used in paintings: cubism. They will be exploring colour mixing and different brushes. As well as recognising that art can tell a story and inform us about the past.

## Music & DT

The children will be using their imagination to explore genres, artists and instruments. They will learn to sing, perform and compose with the song. In DT the children will be learning about mechanisms and mechanical structures by making a moving story book.

## Computing

We will be learning how to use a device to take photos, edit and create a collage. They will use the device to import images and formulate digital imagery.