



Year 1 NEWSLETTER

Summer Term 2022

Welcome to the Summer Term in Year 1



Our Themes this term are: '**Evergreen Explorers**'
and '**Set the wheels in motion!**'

Christopher Columbus and Tim Peake are two of the explorers we will be learning about this half term. We will be travelling around the world to learn about the five oceans and the flora and fauna found within the different land continents. Our school grounds will help us to learn about evergreen and deciduous trees and how to identify them.

This half term we will be travelling back in time comparing vehicles from a very long time ago, a long time ago and now. We will be learning about Isambard Kingdom Brunel and bridges, and creating structures of our own. Stories such as 'Mr Gumpy's Motor Car' and 'Mrs Armitage on Wheel's' will inspire us to become authors writing about our own vehicles and exciting journeys.

These are key learning objectives we will be covering in English and Mathematics

In reading we will be learning to:

- apply phonic knowledge and skills as the route to decoding words
- check that the text makes sense to us as we read and correct inaccurate reading

In writing we will be learning to:

- use capital letters, full stops, question marks and exclamation marks to demarcate sentences
- apply the spelling rules that we have learnt
- form all the letters of the alphabet (both upper and lower case letters), starting and ending in the correct place

In mathematics we will be learning to:

- solve one-step problems that involve addition and subtraction, using a number line or objects
- count, read and write numbers in numerals to 100, and count in multiples of twos, fives and tens
- know and recognise halves and doubles of numbers

Helping Your Child at Home

Reading

This term, your child will take part in the Year 1 phonics screening check. This is a statutory assessment and the results will be included in our End of Year Report in July. It would be beneficial if you could spend time at home practising reading the Zozo words (alien words) that we will be sending home every Friday. Help your child to sound out the word and blend the sounds back together as well as spotting the sounds in the word. Please continue to read with your child daily; we shall be sending guided reading books home weekly.

Writing

This term, Year 1 will be focusing on spelling. It would be great if your child could practise their Walter's Words tricky spellings regularly so that they can use them in their writing in school. This could be as a spelling list or as part of a sentence. Please also help your child to write their own answers to their home learning, and then encourage them to '*polish*' (check and correct) their spellings and letter formations with a purple pencil.

Mathematics

Please could you help your child to count accurately to 100 and to write the numerals to 100 clearly and correctly. You could also ask your child to read and write numbers as words up to 20. Your child will be learning addition and subtraction numbers bonds to 20, for example: $19 + 1 = 20$, $6 + 14 = 20$, $20 - 5 = 15$, $20 - 12 = 8$. To help them with these mental calculations, there are many great games that you can access from your computers at home, such as 'Hit the Button', which you can find on www.topmarks.co.uk.

Our PDL SCARF Learning



To support the teaching of PDL (Personal Development Learning) and RSE (Relationships and Sex Education) in school, we use resources and planning provided by SCARF. SCARF's resources promote positive behaviour, mental health, wellbeing, resilience and achievement.

SCARF stands for: Safety - Caring - Achievement - Resilience - Friendship.

For your awareness, these are the SCARF units being taught this term with brief details of what will be covered.

Growing and changing

During this your child will learn about:

- Keeping 'privates' private including scientific terminology (penis and vulva)
- Organs inside our body
- Surprises and secrets (when and who to tell)
- Identify people they can talk to about their private parts

Valuing difference

During this your child will learn about:

- Identify the differences and similarities between people
- Empathise with those who are different from them
- Begin to appreciate the positive aspects of these differences
- Explain the difference between unkindness, teasing and bullying
- Understand that bullying is usually quite rare

Messages for Year 1

As the weather warms up please remember to send sun hats into school and to apply sun cream before school.

Dates of Special Events in Year 1

16th May - Zoolab visits Queen's Inclosure

Week beginning Monday 6th June – Year 1 Phonics Screening

Thank you for your continued support
Year 1 Team