



# Year 1 Newsletter

## Summer Term 2020-21

### Welcome to the Summer Term in Year 1

#### Summer 1 – Set the wheels in motion!

What is the best form of transport?

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.



#### Summer 2 – Evergreen explorers

Is it always 'finders keepers'?

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 5 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.

### During this term we will be working on the following learning objectives in English and Maths:

#### 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 maths 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 a phonics screening check. This is not statutory this year but will be used to inform our assessments and transition into Year 2. 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](http://www.topmarks.co.uk).

#### Dates of Special Events in Year 1

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April - Zoolab visit to Year 1

#### Year 1 Message Board

Our outdoor PE day is Tuesday and our indoor PE day is Thursday. Please ensure that your child only comes into school on these days wearing a suitable PE kit. Long hair must be tied up and earrings removed or tape provided for all PE sessions.

Please also ensure that your child has a water bottle in the classroom as we are unable to give out cups.