

# Year 1 Newsletter

SUMMER 1



## SUMMER TERM

I can't believe we are in summer term! Summer term will focus on getting the children ready for the step up to Year 2. I will be slowly reducing provision access and having more whole class lessons. I have been doing this since Spring 1 so it won't be a huge change. The children have been enjoying using the iPads in our computing lessons, this term we are going to be looking at online safety.

## PHONICS SCREENING

Every child in Year 1 in England has to take the Phonics Screening Check. Your child takes the test during a one-to-one sitting with me. This year's Phonics Screening Check will take place in the week beginning Monday 9th June. Children who do not achieve the expected level will retake the test when they are in Year 2. We will be doing additional phonics lessons and activities in the afternoons to help the children prepare for this. To support your child at home, please read with them as much as possible! I will be setting weekly phonics home learning which will show the format of the screening test. I will also be sending home a pack to complete with your child during next half term.

## TOPICS

This term, we are starting History with some fun lessons on the Great Fire of London. We will then move on to 'School Days' which teaches children about their own school, both today and in the past. They compare schooling in the Victorian era to their experiences today. In Science, we are going to be exploring plants. Children will identify and describe the basic parts of plants and observe how they change over time. In Maths we will be looking at representing numbers 11 to 19. Our focus in Literacy will be to write longer sentences using conjunctions and a range of different tenses.

## FOREST SCHOOL

We will continue to have forest school this term, being run by Being Outdoors. Our session will be every Friday at 9am. Please dress children ready for forest school and ensure they bring their uniform/shoes in a bag. We have no spare forest school clothes so it is essential they come to school dressed in appropriate clothing. The sessions will go ahead even in heavy rain!

## WARM WEATHER

Hopefully we have some warmer weather coming our way! We had lots of unlabelled jumpers in the classroom I have put into lost property. Please ensure all jumpers are clearly labelled so your child can easily find it. If it is a sunny day, please apply sun cream before they come to school. Shorts need to be just above the knee.

Please make sure you hand in reading folders on Thursdays so we have time to change all the books. Not all staff have time to change books on a different day. Folders handed in on Friday will be kept safe until the week after. Thank you.