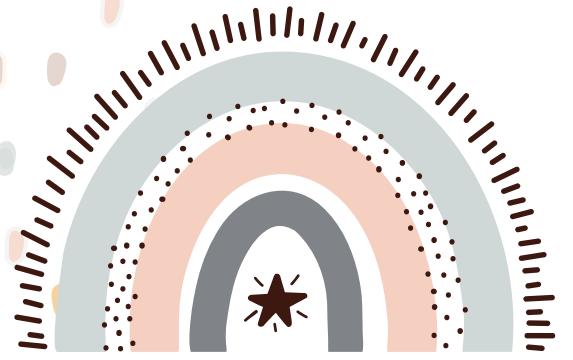


April

Mrs Coen - Year 1 - Summer Term 1



Welcome Back

Welcome back to Summer Term. How are we here already? I hope you all had a wonderful Easter Break and a well earned rest. This term is where we really start to build on all our skills and knowledge ready for that step up into Year 2. I know all the children will take this in their stride and have lots of fun whilst doing it!!

What We Are Learning

This term we will look at History, where we will be exploring the Great Fire of London and discovering what life was like at that time. In Science, we will be learning about animal parts, including how different animals are structured, and we are excited to be planning a trip to Matlock Farm Park later in the term to enrich this learning. I will share more information about this soon. In Maths, we will continue developing our understanding of additive structures, focusing on addition and subtraction, as well as securing number facts within 10, before moving on to numbers 0-20 and exploring the composition of numbers 11 to 19. In Literacy, we will be fine-tuning our non-negotiables, including finger spaces, capital letters, and full stops, while also ensuring letters are formed correctly, with particular attention to ascending and descending letter positioning.

Phonics Screening

As I mentioned last term the Phonics Screening Check 2026 is a short assessment designed to measure how confidently children can apply the phonics skills they have developed by the end of Year 1. All Year 1 pupils in England take part, and it will be carried out in a relaxed, one-to-one setting with me. This year, the check will take place during the week beginning Monday 8th June. Children who do not meet the expected standard will have another opportunity to complete the check in Year 2. In school, we will be building in extra phonics activities to support the children's confidence and progress. At home, you can help by reading regularly with your child and encouraging them to access the online phonics videos. I will share further details as the date approaches, and there will also be an information session later in the term for parents who would like to find out more.

Additional Information

There are no timetable changes this term, and Forest School will continue to take place on Mondays. As the weather becomes warmer, please ensure your child brings a sunhat to school, clearly named. We kindly ask that all items, including shoes, are labelled and that you regularly check your child has collected their own belongings, as this helps us avoid items going missing. We are currently still missing one child's shoes from last term, which were initialled, so please do double-check at home.

Diary Dates

4th May - Bank Holiday
21st May - Matlockj Farm Trip
22nd May - Last Day of Term
1st June - Inset

