



# Year 1 Newsletter

April 2024



## Up dates and Messages for the Term.

As we welcome the children back, we hope that you all had a lovely Easter.

I hope the children are looking forward to the new term as we will be very busy.

In English this term we are learning to write factually and create non-chronological reports.

In Science we will be observing and investigating seasonal changes such as the different plants, animals and activities that we can observe and enjoy from Spring to Summer.

This term PE will be on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Please ensure that your child comes to school in their full (named) PE kit in school including Plimsols/trainers for outdoor sport.

### Summer Uniform:

Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct uniform at school which should also include the proper shirt and school cardigan or jumper with the school logo. Girls are now per-

mitted to wear summer dresses or grey skirts and boys may wear grey shorts or trousers. Children do not need to wear ties for summer uniform. All uniform should be clearly labeled with your child's name so if it gets picked up, it can be returned to it's rightful owner.

### Homework:

Homework will still consist of Maths and English based around some of the skills being used in class. There may also be talk topics sent home to introduce a new concept and to further inform parents of our learning in school. There will also be phonics practice, where children can share and look out for our sounds and tricky words that week.

### Reading:

We use Little Wandle phonics scheme for teaching in school. We ensure the children are matched with books that are closely matched to their phonic ability and have been shared with them during reading sessions in school. Their books are fully decodable and children should be able to read 95% of the words within their Little Wandle book. This should help your child feel more confident to practise and share with you at home.

Reading books for pleasure, that gives you a great opportunity to read to your child will be given out on Mondays and decodable books will be given out on Wednesdays. Books must be returned the following Monday, with their named wallet please. Please write in your child's reading record when they have read. Please note that you can record when they have read other things too!



**Phonics Screening Check** - The phonics screening check is a quick and easy check of your child's phonics knowledge. It helps the school confirm whether your child has made the expected progress.

The national phonics screening check was introduced in 2012 to all Year 1 pupils in the country. It is a short, statutory assessment to ensure that children are making sufficient progress in the phonics skills to read words and are on track to become fluent readers who can enjoy reading for pleasure and for learning.

The check will take place during the week commencing 10th June 2024.

### Term Dates

2nd May– Polling Day– School Closed to children

6th May– Bank Holiday—School closed

11th May (9am)- Year 1 Class Prayer service

9th May—Ascension Mass at Church 9:30: **If you can help walk down to church, please let the school office know ASAP.**

Thursday 23rd—Year 1 prayer service 9am—parents welcome

26th May– End of term: School finishes at 3:15 for half term break

#### Maths and English:

[www.topmarks.co.uk](http://www.topmarks.co.uk)

[www.ictgames.com](http://www.ictgames.com)

#### Reading and Phonics

[www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/](http://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/)

[www.phonicsbloom.com](http://www.phonicsbloom.com)

[www.phonicsplay.co.uk](http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk)

[www.oxfordowl.co.uk](http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk)

#### All Subjects

[www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/z3g4d2p](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/z3g4d2p)

[www.crickweb.co.uk](http://www.crickweb.co.uk)