

YEAR 1 SUMMER TERM NEWSLETTER 2024

We are all looking forward to an exciting final term in year 1!

Literacy

During our literacy sessions, we will be reading and basing our writing around the following texts: Pop Up London, Toby and the Great Fire of London, Firefighters, and lots of fabulous Julia Donaldson stories.

In writing the children will focus on:

- Securing their understanding of how to use capital letters, full stops and questions marks to mark where sentences begin and end.
- Using 'and' to join clauses and add additional detail to sentences.
- Writing for a different range of audiences and purposes.
- Ensuring they can all form their upper and lower case letters correctly.
- Applying spelling rules for adding the suffixes ing, ed, es, s, er and est to words.
- Applying their phonics knowledge in spelling and being able to spell all year 1 common exception words.
- Using capital letters for proper nouns.

In reading the children will focus on:

- Applying the graphemes and adjacent consonants they have learnt at phase 2,3,4 and 5 of Little Wandle Letters and Sounds in phonics.
- Continue to work on their retrieval skills and as well as developing skills inference. They will also work on developing strategies to support them when they can't read or understand something in their reading.
- They will also work on being able to read all the year 1 common exception words.
- In phonics most children will be continuing to learn phase 5 of Little Wandle Letters and Sounds, with some children still consolidating their learning in phase 3 and 4. Home readers and spellings will be sent home each week to match your child's phonics stage. PLEASE make sure your child practices their spellings for a test every Friday. Spelling test books are sent home weekly so you can see your child's score.

Numeracy

This term we will be looking at securing mental and simple written strategies for addition and subtraction. We will also start looking at multiplying, and dividing numbers.

The children will also develop their quick recall of number bonds to 10, doubling and halving numbers to 10 and counting in 2s, 5s and 10s.

Theme

This term our theme is 'Fire'...

In history we will be learning about the Great Fire of London and how fire fighting has changed over the years.

In Geography, we will be learning about London, locating landmarks on maps and comparing how London has changed over time.

In Science, we will be exploring what materials things are made of learn how to describe and sort materials according to their properties.

In Art the children will be looking at different artists who create artwork out of paper and learn about colour mixing.

In Design and Technology the children will design and make their own model of a fire engine.

Homework and Home-Readers

Just a reminder that homework will be continued to be sent home with your children on a Friday.

Also, all children need to have their home reading diaries signed with a comment in order for their books to be changed and in school. Most people have been brilliant at bringing their book bags in every day so let's keep it up for the final term! Can you please make sure you take care of the home reading books as some have come back really damaged. If you lose a book unfortunately you will be charged to replace it.

Thank you for your continued support.

The Year 1 Team